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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

The big news in the United States is still centered on the massive oil well leak in the Gulf of Mexico. The interesting measurement challenges include confirming that the “tar balls” washing up on shores in the Gulf are from the BP well. Natural seepage in the Gulf amounts to millions of barrels each year. It has a definite impact on the question of who is financially responsible for restoring beaches. The amounts involved are in the billions of Euro!

I am still hoping for articles related to nanotechnology related to either use in separations, measurement or the creation of new reagents, but also to measurements made on nano-particles themselves. I know there is commercial interest because I receive promotions regularly for “new technology” such as combinations of force-field microscopy and x-ray induced x-ray fluorescence. I encourage submissions in this area of measurement science, reminding all that a review need not span decades of work. The first years of new work especially in such broad impact areas as nanotechnology are quite appropriate.

Prof. C. H. Lochmuller
Editor-in-Chief

