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Editorial

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The birth of *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry* took place some 24 years ago when Louis Meites first recognized the need for a unique review journal devoted to the analytical sciences community. He carefully nurtured the journal from initial concept through its first years of publication. As founding editor he established clear benchmarks for manuscript quality and demanded great diversity in topical areas covered. Generations of industrial scientists, university faculty, and graduate students came to depend on the authoritative stance of *CRAC*. Through the years numerous landmark publications have appeared in *CRAC*.

Our recent decision to accept the editorship of *CRAC* was not trivial. There were hard questions to answer: Is there really a place for this journal among today's contemporary scientific literature? Is *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry* worth our investment in time and energy? Would the enthusiasm that we would hopefully bring to this task be mirrored by actions of the Associate Editors, members of the Editorial Advisory Board, and potential authors? How strongly would CRC Press support the decisions we felt called to make? We were ultimately satisfied that each of these questions had affirmative responses.

Wide latitude was given to the Editors in their selection of Associate Editors and the Editorial Advisory Board. We envisioned a mix of first rate scientists who would bring wide diversity and recognized talent to the journal. It was gratifying to discover that not one individual declined our invitation to participate. Further, this journal requires a *working* board whose members will actively participate in the journal's governance and in the identification and solicitation of manuscripts. Happily, the present group more than meets these expectations.

As months go by we hope you notice a sharpening of the journal's focus, reinstatement of the journal's rigorous peer review process, a consistent format, and a predictable schedule of genuinely "Critical Review" manuscripts. We encourage your comments, ideas, and manuscripts. We are especially grateful to Ms. Christina Martin, Chemistry Editor for CRC Press, for her enthusiasm and support.

We also pledge our best efforts. We hope that the "new" *CRAC* reflects and builds upon the vision and standards established by Professor Meites and his successors.

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