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# ***Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry***

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### **Editorial**

Looking forward and looking backward . . .

We noted in our first editorial (Volume 23/Issue 1) that *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry* was conceived by Professor Louis Meites following his recognition of the need for a unique review journal devoted to the analytical sciences community. He subsequently set high standards, sought topical diversity, solicited manuscripts from first-rank scientists, and generally nurtured and shepherded the Journal through its first several years of publication. As a result, numerous landmark publications have appeared in *CRAC* in the intervening years.

Special attention will be given to the 1994 Silver Anniversary volume of *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry*. First, a special commemorative issue will be included. This will include a 25-year Cumulative Index, as well as historical reflections on the Journal, its Editors and Editorial Advisory Board members, and on its scientific coverage. In addition, special care and reflection will accompany the manuscript invitation process; the hope being that *each* manuscript published in the Silver Anniversary volume will achieve landmark status. Frankly, that's a tough order, made even more challenging with a requirement for meeting relatively strict submission and publication deadlines. Fortunately, the Journal's Editorial Advisory Board members have actively provided ideas and have encouraged members of the community to participate in this venture. Correspondingly, we welcome ideas (and offers to write) from the readers of this Journal. Feel free to give us a call (or fax) and share any ideas that you have. We genuinely encourage your comments, ideas, and manuscripts.

In our first year of editorship we've worked on building an extensive author database, sharpening of the Journal's focus, reinstatement of the Journal's rigorous peer review process, implementation of a consistent format, and have published a number of first-rate "Critical Review" manuscripts. The frustration (we presume of any editor) is to "encourage" timely submission of manuscripts in order to assure a predictable publication schedule. We're still learning.

As always, we pledge our best efforts. We hope that the 'new' *CRAC* continues to reflect and build upon the vision and standards established by Professor Meites and his successors. We hope that this goal is achieved in 1994.

**David M. Coleman**

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