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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers:

This issue of *Critical Reviews* is devoted to papers presented at the WORKSHOP ON PROJECTS TO FOSTER CHEMISTRY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN REGION held in Kranjska gora, Slovenia 30 September–2 October 2001. It is the last of four meetings on topics related to environmental chemistry topics arranged by the American Chemical Society's International Program and country/region host partners over approximately 3–4 years. The Journal is happy to have the opportunity to consider papers from all of these meetings and to publish some or all of the presentations. Some papers from this meeting were published in earlier issues of *Critical Reviews* for various reasons. The delay in publishing this last collection is more a case of logistics than any implied content difficulty. Many thanks to Jeff Osborn of ACS for collecting the ms. Not all the presentations were submitted for consideration as papers. In the interest of the reader who might be interested in topics not covered here, I have provided the complete program and contact information for the participants. Speaking as a participant, it was a lively meeting and was an opportunity to learn a great deal more about this region's efforts, science, and challenges. It was also a challenge to attend a meeting that began nine days after September 11th's attack on America!

Once again, *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry* has had thematic issues in the past and invites the suggestion of other themes, including the offer to help gather, seek, review, and, thus, create an issue of the Journal. An issue on the use of common chemometric tools in the actual solution of an analytical problem is such a desirable topic. One could envision papers on topics as straightforward as the use of Target Factor Methods for prediction to self-calibration of instruments. Feel free to contact any member of the Editorial Board or the Editor-in-Chief with suggestions or to volunteer as a coordinator. The topic need not be chemometrics alone, of course. If any of the readers would like to try, the Journal will consider position papers on what the future in chemical measurement science will see and explore. Yes, I agree that in writing any such paper, an author risks laughter now and in the future, but the opportunity to challenge the community to think is the reward. Manuscripts are best sent as Word files attached to e-mail directly to the Editor-in-Chief [charles.lochmuller1@duke.edu](mailto:charles.lochmuller1@duke.edu) with figures and tables not embedded, but separate. Guide for authors and copyright release forms can be obtained by e-mail request as well.

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