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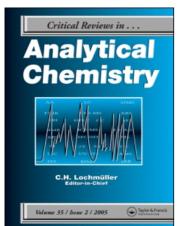
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers:

The focus of *Critical Reviews in Analytical Chemistry* is on measurement science applied to chemistry in the broadest sense. Clearly, in this new millennium, the definition of "chemistry" remains both constant and ever changing. The challenges in analytical chemistry vary from the environment to the nano-scale. Are there really things left to do in environmental measurement other than lots of repetitive measurements with established methods using established protocols? The answer may lay in a switch from bulk emission and bulk chemicals, from easy separate and quantify molecules such as the polynuclear aromatics to subultratrace indicators and, of course, more selective, faster, more stable, methods that are perhaps not instrumental.

I am delighted to welcome Prof. dr hab. inż. Jacek Namiesnik, Chair of the Department of Analytical Chemistry of the Gdansk University of Technology (GUT) Gdansk Poland to the Editorial Board of the Journal. The Department was selected by the European Community for a CORDIS grant establishing the *Centre of Excellence in Environmental Analysis and Monitoring*. It is the first century anniversary year for the GUT and, as one privileged to visit and lecture there, I can say it is a dynamic place very representative of the spirit of recovery and advancement that is today's Poland.

Repeating what has been said before, *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 and 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. Self-calibration as a system challenge is a growing area of measurement science. 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 self-calibration alone, of course. On a more philosophical side, 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 itself a reward. Manuscripts are best sent as Word files attached to e-mail directly to the Editor-in-Chief charles.lochmullerl@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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