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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers:

During my service as Editor-in-Chief, the Journal has had periods of emphasis on environmental chemistry and most recently a double issue on chemometrics. I plan to continue to consider suggestions for “emphasis issues” but not at the expense of articles from all the areas of modern measurement science. If any reader would like to suggest an area or an article the best route is to contact myself or any member of the Editorial Board with suggestions. Articles can also be of a “tutorial” nature because many in chemistry seek a starting direction in what is for them a new area of measurement or of analysis of measured data. As an Editor, I can only have the perspective of my own research, training and experience but it would seem that among the growing measurement challenges are those related to “composite materials,” of the use of aggregates from micelles to clusters in the transport of drug substances to targeted areas in living systems, to the use of old materials in new ways such as the entire area of ionic fluids.

I can remember the heady days of a new technique appearing every year or so it seemed. Each one was sure to replace all the others or so it was claimed. Better yet, we discovered linear algebra and other math techniques and were sure that the pursuit of higher resolution chromatography, electrochemistry and spectrometry could cease! Chromatography could yield to an array of detectors at the end of a simple column now that we could “deconvolute” overlapping bands based on the spectral response. Not long after, we realized that the detectors need to be nearly orthogonal in the sense of what was being detected to really do what was hoped for.

Will there be another golden era? I would argue there is always a golden era and the challenge is realizing we are in one. If you agree then write a review on the best example of the current efforts. If you disagree, write a different article arguing what is still important!

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Editor-in-Chief

