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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers:

Time certainly flies! With this issue, we begin the tenth year of the new millennium. Chemical measurement science is alive and well and there are many new challenges to test the creative energy of analytical chemists everywhere. It would be nice if Editor's were provided with crystal balls to predict the future. Take the area of ionic fluids as an example. The Journal was lucky to host an early review of the use of these interesting materials in analysis and not just for "green chemical" reasons. In a few short years, that has grown into a 400+ page book just published and edited by Mihkel Koel who authored that first review. I am still convinced that a review or reviews on nano-particle-borne chemical species would be a real contribution in another exploding area of measurement challenges. Suggestions from our readership about other soon-to-be-important new ventures are welcome.

We will have an issue this year commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Nobel Prize award for the discovery and development of polarography. I freely admit, I am no electrochemist but this discovery seems to have been the catalyst for a departure from historic *static* electrochemistry and the development of a focus on time-dependent or *dynamic* electrochemistry. I know that it is difficult to assign to any given event the full credit for a "revolution" but while Tswett was not the first to observe chromatography, it was his insight that gave us the dynamic equilibrium model for such separations. That does not in any way reduce the importance of the development of liquid-liquid chromatography by Martin and Synge which earned the Nobel Prize.

I look forward to hearing from those with better crystal ball ability. Thanks to those who continue to help build CRAC every year!

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Editor-in-Chief

