

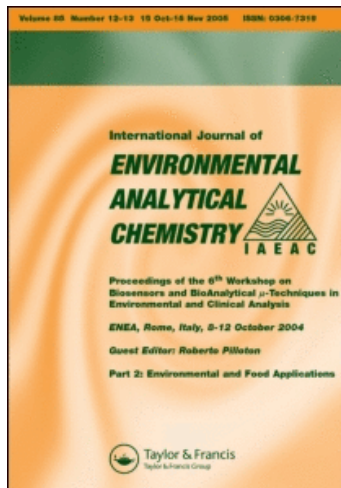
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## Foreword

I have the pleasure to introduce the first issue of the new *International Journal of Environmental Analytical Chemistry*.

The aims and scope of this journal are to publish original research on all aspects of analytical work related to environmental problems such as: analysis of organic, inorganic, and radioactive pollutants in air and water; determination of harmful substances such as pesticides, drugs, and carcinogenic compounds at residue levels and including their metabolic breakdown products; analytical methods which help in any way to determine and investigate metabolic breakdown patterns or other chemical degradation patterns in the environment and in biological samples.

The development of new analytical methods or the improvement of existing ones useful for the control and investigation of pollutants or trace amounts of naturally occurring active chemicals in the environment (e.g. in sea water, sea organisms, plants and animals, etc.); or methods which in any suitable way help to gain more insight into our environment. Analytical methods which are not directly related to environmental problems but which show a good potential for adaptation to this field are also acceptable. Of further interest is the development, modification, and automation of instruments and techniques with potential in environmental sciences, such as new devices for the separation of complex mixtures, modification of spectroscopic techniques and instruments and interphasing of instruments with computers.

Reviews on advances of certain areas in environmental analytical chemistry are also welcome.

In addition to scientific papers the journal will contain reviews of books, news of conferences, and other items of interest.

The fields of science that can be covered by this journal with regard to analytical aspects will include organic and inorganic analytical, applied physical, industrial, pharmaceutical, agricultural chemistry, biochemistry, radiochemistry, geochemistry, food chemistry, etc. Owing to the interdisciplinary nature of this journal, it will also include certain topics in the fields of medical science (health sciences), toxicology, forensic sciences, oceanography, food sciences, biological sciences, and other fields which in one way or another contribute to the knowledge of our environment and for this purpose have to make use of analytical chemistry.

I hope that this journal will fill a gap which has existed for some time, and that it will provide a useful forum for analytical problems as they exist in our quest to improve the environment.

Your interest and cooperation in making this journal a success are very much appreciated.

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