

Editorial

I have received many complimentary comments on the Highlights from the Literature section, which I know is of value to chemists and engineers working in Process R&D. As you can imagine, writing 4–8 pages per issue takes a lot of time, so I was delighted when, recently, someone volunteered to help out with this task. Of course I accepted his offer immediately! Thus, in this issue, the highlights are not only compiled by me, but also by that volunteer, Steve Hermitage, from Glaxo, UK. I hope that you cannot detect which sections were written by me and which by Steve, i.e., that the transition to the new authorship is seamless. If anyone else wishes to volunteer their services for this “enjoyable” task, which would not only help you to keep up with the current literature but would also enable the journal to expand the coverage of highlights, then please contact me. Of particular value would be a chemical engineer or chemist who could assist with the provision of highlights from the chemical engineering literature.

We will probably experiment next year with some highlights from the patent literature, focusing on patents which describe innovative processes not reported in journals. We expect that this section will be of interest and of value to process chemists and engineers working in all areas of the chemical industry.

Finally, to reiterate what I mentioned in a previous editorial, there will be two “themed” issues next year; issue no. 3 will focus on oligonucleotide processes and their scale up; issue no. 5 will be on crystallisation issues and polymorphism. Authors who wish to contribute papers to the oligonucleotide issue need to submit them as soon as possible and those to the crystallisation and polymorphism issue, by the end of February 2000. I look forward to receiving your manuscripts.

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