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## *Editorial*

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### **Where Are You Now?**

Recently, an enthusiastic reader tried to contact the author of a paper to make some constructive comments. Unfortunately, by the time she wrote (less than a year after publication), the author had already left the company (the reason being that the company closed down its European operation), and I had no idea to where he had moved.

In the editorial office, we often have the same problems when trying to contact reviewers—they change companies, set up businesses, work as consultants from home, or even retire but fail to contact us to update their contact details. This is most frustrating when good referees go missing! Even those whose jobs have hardly changed but their companies have been merged may have changed their email address. And the cycle of merger and acquisitions seems to be popular—with lawyers and accountants—if not with R&D staff. By the way of illustration, 25 (50%) of our EAB members have changed address/company or their company has changed its name over the past 10 years. If that percentage is typical of all process chemists and engineers, then we should have needed to change 50% of our reviewer contact details, but in reality, the figure is only 10%.

So my message this issue is very simple. If you are a reviewer or an author of a paper, *please, please, keep Sue and me informed of any change in your contact details.*

I look forward to hearing from you.

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