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PREFACE TO VOLUME 1

Our original series, *Progress in Separation and Purification* (Volume 1-4, Wiley/Interscience, 1968-1971), was a forum devoted to keeping the scientist informed on new developments in the field of separations.

Separation and Purification Methods is a new series in name but it is actually a continuation of our previous endeavor. Our objectives and policies for the new series remain essentially as those of its predecessor, although we plan to stress rapid publication and to employ a novel method of issuing volumes. It is our purpose to cover all areas of separation and purification, and techniques and methods may range from new laboratory methods all the way to chemical engineering practice. The choice of subject and the manner in which ideas and opinions are expressed are left to the discretion of the authors. Our principal request of the authors is that their contributions render a service of value to the readers and to the science and technology of separation and purification.

To achieve rapid publication, photo-offset printing plates will be made directly from the authors' manuscripts. This method of producing printed literature is currently in successful use. The process yields a crisply printed page and complete volume preparation takes only a few months' time and not years as required before. The series appears as a volume comprised of two semi-annual issues with a cumulative index appearing in the second issue.

We shall always be happy to receive recommendations and suggestions for improving the series. Inquiries about publication in the series are cordially welcomed. We extend our sincere gratitude to contributors to this new beginning of the series.

Edmond S. Perry

Carel J. van Oss

PREFACE TO VOLUME 7

With Volume 6 Dr. Edmond S. Perry ended his Editorship of this Series, coincidental with retiring from his position at the Research Laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company. Dr. Perry was the senior Editor of this Series for six years (as well as its co-founder), and the founder of the preceding Series PROGRESS IN SEPARATION AND PURIFICATION (Volumes 1 - 4, Wiley/Interscience, 1968 - 1971). In these ten years Dr. Perry's scientific and editorial insight and inspiration have made this Series one of the landmarks in the field of Separation and Purification. We shall miss his help and guidance, but we hope to continue to benefit by his advice for many years to come.

During the preparation of Volume 7 Dr. Norman H. Sweed joined us as an Editor. His expertise in the field of separation and purification in general and in parametric pumping and other fixed sorption processes in particular, are of great advantage to our team and will strongly enhance the scope and the quality of this Series.

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