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Editorial

This issue starts a period of new leadership for *Separation and Purification Methods* as Dr. Carel van Oss steps down from the position of Editor-in-Chief. Dr. van Oss has been with the journal since its birth, and I am pleased that he will stay with the journal as a member of the editorial board.

I am delighted to be the new Editor-in-Chief. Since I am a firm believer in the adage, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it," I plan only modest changes. First, the journal will refocus on its original mission of providing thorough reviews of important areas in separation and purification. Reviews should be comprehensive, current, unbiased, unpublished, and well written. Length is not a criterion. In order to maintain, and if possible improve the quality of the journal, the current policy of having all papers refereed will be strictly enforced. The journal's enviable reputation for rapid publication will be maintained.

The second change in the journal will be an evolutionary broadening of the range of articles published. Papers on both emerging areas of separations (such as those in this issue) and papers on more mature areas will be sought. Both solicited and unsolicited papers will be published. Authors are encouraged to discuss their proposed review with the Editor-in-Chief before writing to be sure they will not overlap heavily with an upcoming paper.

I look forward to working with many members of the separations community, and hope you will help me maintain and improve the journal.

Phillip C. Wankat