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EDITORIAL

Special symposium issues of this journal have appeared before. This is the first Special Topics issue, a form of special issue not deriving from a symposium.

The idea of Special Topics issues is to provide coherent and in depth scientific discussions of single subjects. It is, in part, an effort to counterbalance the great diversity of the field of separations.

Special Topics issues are intended primarily to cover new and rapidly developing fields of separation science and technology. The issues are shorter and more flexible than a book, allowing us to pick up important new developments earlier and to publish them faster. These issues hopefully will fill an existing gap in the literature of separations and make a lasting contribution to the advancement of the field.

Readers suggestions are solicited for future Special Topics issues.

The present issue has been ably put together by Special Issue Editors Drs. Karin D. Caldwell and Marcus N. Myers. The topic is field-flow fractionation, a relatively new separation method now in a stage of rapid growth. This issue represents the first collection of literature in the field. We hope it serves a useful purpose.

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