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Editorial

After nine years as editor of *Separation and Purification Methods*, I have decided that it is time for new editorial leadership for the journal. This will be my last issue of the journal as Editor-in-Chief, although I plan to remain on the editorial board.

I am pleased to announce that my good friend Prof. Richard D. Noble from the University of Colorado at Boulder has agreed to become the Editor-in-Chief. Professor Noble was my choice as my successor. I believe that he will infuse the journal with new ideas while improving the quality. These are the two things that I like to believe I did nine years ago when I took over the journal. New submissions to the journal should be sent to Prof. Noble. I will continue to complete the editorial duties on submissions which are in progress.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me while I was Editor-in-Chief. First, the authors deserve the most credit for the usefulness of the journal. Second, the referees are critically important for maintaining quality but referees never receive the credit that is due. The editorial board, which has included Eli Grushka, Joseph Henry, Carel Van Oss, and Richard Noble, have always been helpful in soliciting and commenting on manuscripts. Iris Accordino and the other editorial and production staff at Marcel Dekker have always done a first class job putting the journal together and have been a joy to work with. My secretaries over the years, Judy Anderson, Beth Dye, Karen Heide, and Suzie Flavin, have been a tremendous help in completing each issue. Finally, my family has always been understanding when deadlines have occasionally made me difficult to live with.

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