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Letter from the Editor

As the new Editor-in-Chief, I am pleased to see this first issue under my tenure come into being. I am also pleased that a number of people who are experts in various aspects of chemical separation and purification methods have agreed to be members of the Editorial Board. With this group in place, the journal is in a strong position to continue to be an important source of information for the technical community. I want to thank Phil Wankat for his efforts as the previous Editor-in-Chief. He provided the basis for the quality that we will continue to strive for in the future.

I think that it is appropriate at this point in time to reiterate our goal. This journal is dedicated to timely and significant reviews of novel developments in this important field of chemical separation and purification. Chemical separation and/or purification is an important processing step in many research and industrial applications. This broad topic covers the range from analytical chemistry to the production of petrochemical, pharmaceutical, and inorganic chemical materials and products. Environmental remediation and pollution prevention are additional important topics. My efforts will be focused on providing state-of-the-art material that will be an important resource for people working in this area. I plan to think broadly in terms of subject matter, from analytical chemistry to chemical processing, so as to provide the best and most comprehensive material to our readers. The Separation Science and Technology journal will serve the complementary function of publishing **research articles** on the same topics. I have had numerous discussions with Steve Cramer, the editor of this journal, as well as the publisher and we are all very enthusiastic about this opportunity for both journals to move forward together.

Rich Noble
Editor-in-Chief