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Editorial

You may have noticed several changes in this issue of *Separation and Purification Reviews*. The first is our name—we are no longer *Separation and Purification Methods*. This change in name reflects the journal's current focus on state-of-the-art comprehensive review articles covering significant developments in all areas of separation and purification. This is an important niche, and one that has been largely ignored by most of the major technical journals. Our hope is that these review articles will help organize and focus the key results in important areas of separation and purification, providing a framework that will facilitate future developments in these fields. At the same, these reviews should provide an ideal introduction to the science, technology, and pertinent literature for individuals new to the field or working in other related disciplines.

You also may have noticed a change in the Editor of the journal. Richard Noble decided to step down as Editor last year, and the entire separations community owes him a great deal of thanks for his effective stewardship of the journal over the past years. I am very excited about the opportunity to serve as Editor of *Separation and Purification Reviews*, and I look forward to working with many of you as authors, referees, and colleagues. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have suggestions for ways to improve the journal—we are always looking for new approaches to strengthen the publication and the review process. I would also like to invite you to consider submitting a review paper to the journal in your area of expertise. High quality reviews do take time and effort to prepare, but they are critically important to the vitality and successful development of our field.

Andrew Zydney
Editor

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