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Editorial

Effective January 1st, 2005, I accepted the position of Editor of *Separation & Purification Reviews (S&PR)*. When I was first approached to take over as Editor by Andrew Zydney, I thought that there were enough Journals in the field of separation sciences. Then I considered that *S&PR* focused on review articles. This is an interesting challenge. Andrew defined the new focus of the journal as providing state-of-the-art comprehensive coverage of significant developments in all areas of separation and purification. Review articles are often buried in regular journals. It is important that the scientific community knows that *S&PR* gathers only high-quality review articles in the field. It will be my goal that everybody working in the field of chemical separation and/or purification, in academy as well as in industry, knows that they can find comprehensive review articles covering the basic knowledge needed to approach all relevant methods and developments.

Andrew had to step down because he was called to other important tasks. He is a membrane expert. Membrane separation is often a major solution for many real-world problems. Andrew agreed to remain a member of the editorial board to help take care of manuscripts dealing with membranes. I kept all the previous members of the journal's editorial board that wanted to go on working with me. I join all the senior board members in thanking Andrew for his effective, although unfortunately too short, expert leadership and for his continued support of the journal.

I am a chromatographer. As such, I invited several new members to join the Board, including experts in chromatographic or electrophoretic separation techniques. I tried to form an editorial board balanced in expertise fields as well as in geographical location. Please do not hesitate to contact me at berthod@univ-lyon1.fr if you have any ideas, suggestions, or possible additional topics for the journal. I would also like to invite you, and your colleagues and/or students, to contact me or any of the editorial board members to propose a review on your technique or particular methods of separation or purification.

Alain Berthod
Editor