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Introduction

The first American Chemical Society Awards Symposium on Separations Science and Technology was organized under the auspices of the Industrial and Engineering Chemistry's Subdivision of Separations Science and Technology to honor Dr Don Broughton of UOP, Inc. The symposium was held at the St. Louis ACS meeting on April 9-10, 1984; it consisted of four sessions of invited papers concerning general overviews of recent advances and future directions in separations methods and applications coincidental to the theme of the symposium "Separations Science and Technology Toward the Year 2000." The papers, presented in this special issue of *Separation Science and Technology*, were authored by internationally recognized experts in their respective fields.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the authors and the session chairmen, G. R. Choppin, P. R. Danesi, and W. W. Schulz, and to again congratulate Don Broughton. We feel the award, as well as the formation of the ACS Subdivision of Separations Science and Technology, is another significant step in further establishing and recognizing separations as a field in science and technology with its own identity.

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