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Introduction

The guest editors of this special issue entitled, "Magnetic Field-Enhanced Separations," are pleased to present eight articles on the state-of-the-art in the field of magnetic separation processes. This is the second special issue on this topic with the papers based on the international symposium with the same title organized by the editors and held at the 225th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 23–27, 2003. Nineteen presentations were given at this symposium from all over the world; Eight of the nineteen presentations appear in this special issue as peer-reviewed articles.

These eight articles collectively span traditional and novel high-gradient magnetic separation (HGMS) processes, and they introduce new concepts and principles about HGMS processes. Research groups from Denmark, Japan, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and United States contributed to this issue. The editors appreciate their contributions and also their patience and assistance in putting this special issue together.

Since it was decided at the first symposium held in San Diego in 2001 to organize a similar symposium every other year and hold it at the Spring National Meetings of the ACS, and to publish the proceedings in a peer-reviewed journal, such as *SS&T*, the next symposium on "Magnetic Field-Enhanced Separations and Related Processes" will be held at the 229th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Diego, California, March 13–17, 2005. The guest editors of this special issue hope to see you all in San Diego. Those interested in obtaining more information about this symposium should e-mail James A. Ritter at ritter@engr.sc.edu.

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