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Editorial

Third Special Issue on Undergraduate Research and Education in Spectroscopy

This issue represents the third focus of *Spectroscopy Letters* on undergraduate research and education, following special issues in 2004 (Volume 37, Issues 2–3) and 2007 (Volume 40, Issue 3). This special issue contains 15 papers that include original research papers, descriptions of innovative laboratory experiments, and innovative approaches to spectroscopy pedagogy.

I am grateful for the support of Editor Robert Michel. I also thank the reviewers, who have made very significant contributions to the quality of these papers. Of course, I thank the undergraduate and faculty authors for electing to publish their scientific work in this special issue.

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Biography of David J. Butcher

David J. Butcher is a professor of Chemistry and the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. A detailed biography is available in *Spectroscopy Letters*, 2004, Volume 37, Issue 2, page ix. Since that biography was published, he became the editor-in-chief of *Analytical Letters* in August 2009. He will be the general chair of the 37th FACCS meeting in Raleigh, NC, in 2010, and will serve as chair of the Western Carolinas ACS Section in 2011.