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## Preface

This issue is a collection of some of the papers presented at the 2nd symposium on Handling of Environmental and Biological Samples in Chromatography held in October 24–24, 1985 in Freiburg, West Germany.

The issue is dedicated to Professor J. F. K. Huber from the University of Vienna, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. Prof. Huber opened the symposium with a plenary lecture on “On-line multistage separations with HPLC”.

J. F. K. Huber was born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1925. He received his Ph.D. in 1960 with Prof. Cremer at the University of Innsbruck. He then spent five years as a scientist and senior scientist at the T. H. Eindhoven before accepting a position as senior scientist in 1965 and later as associate professor (1969) of separation sciences at the University of Amsterdam. It was during this Eindhoven and Amsterdam period that Prof. Huber did the groundwork on the development of modern liquid chromatographic techniques (HPLC). As a result of these very successful research years he was appointed full professor at the University of Amsterdam in 1972 and in 1974 he accepted a nomination as professor of Analytical Chemistry and Head of the Institute of Analytical Chemistry at the University of Vienna where he is still active to this day.

J. F. K. Huber is the author and co-author of over 100 scientific papers on chromatography. He has been the editor of the proceedings of three international symposia on column liquid chromatography held in 1973, 1976 and 1977. He is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Chromatography*, *Journal of Chromatographic Science*, *Chromatographia*, *Microchimica Acta*, *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis*, *Trends in Analytical Chemistry* and *Environmental Analytical Chemistry*. Between 1964 and 1974 he served as the chairman of the Discussion Group on Analytical Separation Methods of the Dutch Chemical

Society. Presently, he is the chairman of the Austrian Society for Microchemistry and Analytical Chemistry, the chairman of the Society of Chemistry and physics in Vienna and a member of the executive board of the Arbeitskreis Chromatographie of the German Chemical Society. He is honorary member of G.A.M.S., the French analytical chemistry society.

During the past decades Prof. Huber has started and directed research in a very broad field of chromatography and related techniques. His research interests include theory, instrumentation and applications of gas and liquid chromatographic techniques. He has made significant contributions in all these fields. One of his main interests lies in multidimensional chromatography by using different column combinations in order to improve separation selectivity, detectability and identification of minor constituents in complex samples of environmental and biological nature.

It is therefore very appropriate to dedicate this issue to Joseph Huber in recognition of his pioneering work in the area of selective and sensitive sample handling in chromatography; a field, which he has always very much appreciated. Prof. Huber's contributions to the advancement of chromatography have been recognized by a number of awards. In 1978 he received the Anniversary-Medal of the Russian Academy of Sciences and in 1981 the Dal Nogare Award of the Delaware Valley Chromatography Forum, USA. He was awarded Honorary Doctor Degrees of the University of Uppsala, Sweden in 1983 and of the Marie Curie-Sklodovskiej University in Lublin, Poland in 1985.

Dear Joseph, at the occasion of your sixtieth birthday, we, the contributors to this issue, your colleagues in the International Association of Environmental Analytical Chemistry (the organizers of the symposium), the editors and the members of the editorial board of the Journal, wish you all the best, good health and many more productive and successful years.

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