

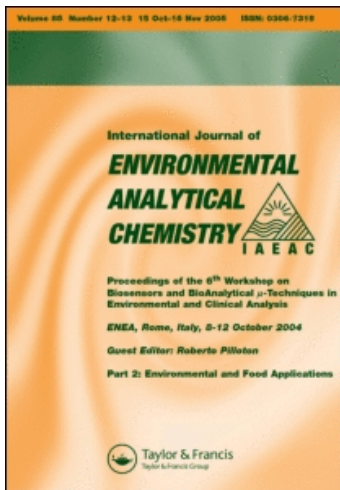
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## PREFACE

It was at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Association in Freiburg, F.R.G., in early November, 1985, that it was decided that a workshop should be organized to address the special concerns relating to the trace analysis of residues of organic and inorganic contaminants in soil as an analytical substrate. Soil is a particularly challenging medium to work with in this context, and the Association believed that it merited special consideration.

The enthusiasm of the response to the call for papers was inspiring for those of us who were on the organizing committee. But it was the keen interest and the free exchange of ideas at the workshop which confirmed that there was a real need for this sort of focus on soil as analytical substrate. New links were forged between researchers who normally thought only of organic residues and those whose focus was heavy metal or soil nutrient analysis. Encouragement was also provided for those who believed that environmental analytical chemistry could be a major coalescing factor to bring together researchers in diverse fields of environmental research.

We were saddened by the fact that Roland Frei, president of the Association, who had inspired the workshop in the first place, could not participate in it because he was ill. Sadness was replaced by devastation when he passed away in January of this year. Roland was the father of environmental analytical chemistry as a discipline, and his excellence in research was reflected in the Association and its journals, both of which he initiated. Residue analysis in soil is one small portion of environmental analytical chemistry, but the inspiration and drive we learned from Roland, coupled with the enthusiasm shown by the participants of the first workshop, provide tremendous encouragement for the organizers of the 2nd Soil Residue Analysis Workshop in Lausanne, March 11–13, 1991.