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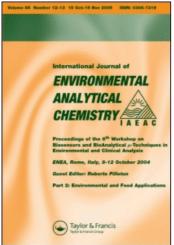
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## **PREFACE**

This volume contains selected papers presented at the 3rd Soil and Sediment Contaminant Analysis Workshop held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, August 8–11, 1993. The Workshop, under the masthead of the International Association of Environmental Analytical Chemistry was organized by committee members from the Manitoba Department of Environment, Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the University of Winnipeg, and the University of Manitoba. Scientific Committee members provided Workshop leadership in several fields representing researchers from North America and Europe.

The 2nd Soil Residue Analysis Workshop was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, March 11-13, 1991; selected papers from that Workshop appeared in a special issue of this Journal (*IJEAC* 46(1-3) (1992) 1-232).

The 3rd Workshop drew 84 participants (including five scientists from China) from 14 countries who presented and discussed recent developments in which environmental analytical chemistry had played an important part in the understanding of the contamination of soils and sediments. Topics of interest included sampling techniques for sediments, supercritical fluid extraction, other extraction methods currently used for organic and metallic analytes in soils and sediments, interaction of contaminants with soils and sediments, metal and organic contaminant speciation, and analytical needs related to remediation studies. These and related subjects were discussed in an intimate workshop atmosphere.

Stimulating and productive discussions involving analytical chemistry and soil and sediment science facilitated by this workshop series have led to the organization of the 4th Workshop which is planned for March 25–27, 1996, in Lausanne, Switzerland chaired by Prof. Dr. Joseph Tarradellas from the Ecole Polytechniue Fédérale de Lausanne. The 4th Workshop will use the format successfully established for this series; it is also our goal to involve more scientists from the developing world in the Workshop in view of the importance of soils and sediments as the final receivers of many environmental contaminants.

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