

## FOREWORD

The Third International Symposium on Column Liquid Chromatography was held in Salzburg (Austria) from September 27th to 30th, 1977, with 370 participants from 22 nations. It was organised by the "Arbeitsgruppe Trennmethode in der Analytischen Chemie der Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Mikrochemie und Analytische Chemie im Verein Österreichischer Chemiker" (Austria), in cooperation with the "Arbeitsgruppe Chromatographie der Fachgruppe Analytische Chemie der Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker" (G.F.R.), the "Chromatography Discussion Group" (Great Britain), the "Chromatography Forum of the Delaware Valley" (U.S.A.), the "Groupement pour l'Avancement des Méthodes Spectroscopiques et Physico-Chimique d'Analyse (G.A.M.S.)" (France), the "Schweizerischer Chemiker Verband" (Switzerland), and the "Werkgroep Scheidingsmethoden, Sectie Analytische Chemie, Koninklijke Nederlandse Chemische Vereniging" (The Netherlands).

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The scientific programme was established by an international scientific committee consisting of J. F. K. Huber (Chairman), R. S. Deelder, G. Guiochon, K.-P. Hupe, J. J. Kirkland, J. H. Knox and W. Simon. In total, 79 papers were presented in lecture and poster sessions, 50 of which are collected in this special volume of the *Journal of Chromatography*.

The symposium in Salzburg has demonstrated that development in column liquid chromatographic methods and applications is still progressive. Many significant results were presented. The symposium served, in excellent manner, its purpose to inform on the present "state of the art" and to stimulate future research and development in column liquid chromatography.

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