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Book Review

New approaches in liquid chromatography. Proceedings of the 2nd Annual American-Eastern European Symposium on Advances in Liquid Chromatography, Szeged, Hungary, June 16-18, 1982 (Analytical Chemistry Symposia Series, Vol. 16), edited by H. Kalász, Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, and Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1984, X + 292 pp., price Dfl. 175.00, US\$ 67.25, ISBN 0-444-99642-7.

It is a pity that this volume does not give the programme of the symposium and hence has to be judged on the papers published in it which may lead one to the conclusion that it is a case of the hoary old joke of the partridge pie, contents: one partridge to one horse; as only one paper is from the U.S.A., namely that of H. J. Issaq, while the rest are from Hungary, Poland, G.D.R., Czechoslovakia; which, while of good quality, are hardly enough to justify the purchase by the general reader.

The book was produced by the Publishing House of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and distributed in the West by Elsevier. This international collaboration is probably the cause of the long lapse of time from the date of the symposium till its publication, although the papers were not printed but off-set from camera-ready manuscripts, with some very poor figures, *e.g.* on page 254, 255 and 256.

On the whole one cannot claim that the book is a credit to the Analytical Chemistry Symposia Series.