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## Preface

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Framed by the autumn foliage and the rare sunny weather of Central Europe the jubilee *10th International Symposium on Capillary Electrophoresis and Isotachopheresis*, ITP'96, was held 17–20 September 1996 in Prague. The meeting took place in the Krystal Centrum — the center of post graduate and management studies of Charles University which has hosted recently a number of scientific events. The series of ITP meetings started already in 1979 as a forum for people involved in isotachopheretic separations (Bacon and Eindhoven). As the interest in capillary electrodriven separations drifted to capillary electrophoresis since the Rome meeting in 1992 it involves the electrophoretic techniques as well. The Symposium hosted 183 participants out of which two thirds came from other parts of the world than the Czech Republic. The main organizer of this meeting was the Faculty of Science, Charles University Prague, in cooperation with the Chromatography and Electrophoresis Group of the Czech Chemical Society. The Symposium was held under

the auspices of the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prof. Petr Čepěk. The meeting comprised not only the scientific sessions, represented by 44 orally presented lectures and 95 posters, but also social activities and, last but not least, a workshop organized by the Beckman and Lambda-Biomed Companies devoted to *Methods of Capillary Electrophoresis in Bioanalytics*. Papers that passed the routine refereeing procedure are presented to our readers in this issue.

At the beginning of this year one of the prominent members of the Organizing Committee, Prof. Jiří Vacík, passed away. We would like to remind his life long activities and achievements in the area of electromigration separations and dedicate this issue to his memory. Prof. Vacík will remain in the minds of all who had the luck to know him as a leading personality in this area of science.

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