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## Foreword

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The *22nd International Symposium on High Performance Liquid Phase Separations and Related Techniques* was convened in St. Louis on 2–8 May 1998. It opened with a live, rousing jazz band. The weather and location were beautiful. The riverfront park, entertainment district at Laclede's Landing, shopping, paddle-wheel boats and casinos were all within walking distance of the Symposium's riverfront hotel. Having all of the participants and meeting rooms in one central location, greatly elevated the number and level of interpersonal contacts and the exchange of ideas. Every evening during the symposium, there was either a reception or dinner. There was ample time for the 1400 attendees from 40 countries to discuss the nearly 150 oral presentations, over 400 poster presentations, 7 short courses and vendor workshops. As the chairman, I can assure you that no symposium of this magnitude can be organized and brought to fruition without the help of others. In addition to the fine professional job done by Janet Cunningham and Barr Enterprises, I must mention my "right hand man" Mary Jo Richards and the members of my research group who did all of the small and not-so-small jobs that make a meeting run smoothly. The St. Louis Chromatography Discussion Group was responsible for the web page and provided contacts for other local support.

The superb opening plenary lectures were given by Professor Richard N. Zare (solution nanochemistry), Professor George Whitesides (CE study of electrostatic effects in biochemistry), Professor Stellen Hjerten (capillary chromatography), and Professor Barry L. Karger (biochemical microseparations). The equally exciting closing plenary lectures were given by Professor Michael L. Gross (HPLC–MS for

protein structure) and Dr. William S. Hancock (genome/proteome/virus particle analysis). The excellent scientific programming throughout the symposium is a tribute to the hard work and suggestions of the International Scientific Committee which consisted of: Professors/Drs. A. Berthod, P.R. Brown, F. Erni, G.A. Guiochon, W.S. Hancock, C. Horvath, B.L. Karger, J.J. Kirkland, E. Tesarova, D. Westerlund, A. Fell, and E.S. Yeung.

Over 500 people attended the short courses on LC–MS, Enantiomeric Separations, FDA Validation Issues, CEC, Preparative Chromatography and CE. Clearly these topics were of great interest to industrial, governmental and academic scientists. The awards for the best scientific posters were very popular. The awardees were heartily cheered, congratulated and given toasts throughout the award reception. The awards consisted of one 1st place award (travel funds to the next Symposium), two 2nd place awards (computers), three 3rd place awards (programmable scientific calculators), and six honorable mentions (wine). Choosing the finalist was a difficult decision given all of the fine work presented.

The exhibition in St. Louis may have been the largest ever for this symposium series. Over 100 booths were occupied. Most of the major companies and many smaller ones that are concerned with separation science and technology were represented. I would like to thank all of the Exhibitors and other individual sponsors for their support of HPLC '98.

From the arch, the Anheuser Busch Brewery, the riverboats and casinos of St. Louis; we travel next year to Granada, Spain where HPLC '99 will be under the able guidance of Professor Emilio Gelpi.

In a little less than two years Professor Ed Yeung and I hope to see everyone back in the USA. (Seattle, Washington) for HPLC '2000. Until then I hope you enjoy and find useful, the publications in this symposium volume, and that they bring back

pleasant memories of St. Louis and the research presented there.

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