



Editorial

Last year the Editors of *Journal of Chromatography A* and Elsevier decided to publish a special issue for celebrating Prof. Volker Schurig's 70th birthday. I gladly accepted the task of organizing that publication. So I invited the most recognized scientists in the field of separation science to join us. Among them some former Volker's students have responded positively. We chose to cover the field of enantiomeric separations, since Volker's most relevant contribution are concerned on it.

Detailed information about his scientific activity, career, international cooperation and editorial collaboration are published in this issue in a comprehensive article written by one of his former student and co-worker, namely Oliver Trapp [1]. Prof. Volker Schurig has served, as an Editor, in *Journal of Chromatography A*, retiring in 2007. He was one of the pioneers of chiral separations with significant interest in chiral molecular recognition. His studies on enantiomerization and on the preparation of capillaries with immobilized polymeric stationary phases were enormously appreciated by every scientist working in separation science.

This special issue contains review and original papers covering several aspects of chiral separations including theory, study of new chiral selectors in both electromigration, capillary/nano-liquid chromatography, high performance liquid chromatography, supercritical fluid chromatography and gas chromatography. It also includes some applications of all above-mentioned analytical techniques in several fields. I truly believe, it's possible to find a link between many papers published here and Volker's work.

Volker, I am very glad that all these (your/our) friends, colleagues and former students agreed to share with me the happiness of expressing esteem, admiration and friendship. I thank all of them for being so supportive.

Volker, Happy birthday! I hope to meet you again around.

Reference

- [1] O. Trapp, *J. Chromatogr. A* 1217 (2010) 926–927.

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