



Publisher's note

We are saddened to learn of the death of Professor Michael Lederer on 15 February 2006.

Professor Lederer was founding editor of *Journal of Chromatography* and pursued the journal's launch and development with vigour. The first issue of the journal was published in 1958. The need for a journal on this subject has been confirmed over the years by its continuous success and the

increasing number of research papers published on separation sciences.

Professor Lederer has made a great contribution to the advancement of chromatography, both as a scientist and as founding editor of *Journal of Chromatography*. He will be missed by the community. Our sympathies are with his family, friends and colleagues.