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## Foreword

Csaba Horváth was one of the most prominent figures in the field of separation science. The American Chemical Society lists Professor Csaba Horváth among great scientists such as Crick and Watson, Linus Pauling, Pierre and Marie Curie, and Ernest Rutherford – individuals who have contributed most significantly to the development of chemistry in the 20th century. Along with J. Calvin Giddings and J.F.K. Huber, Csaba Horváth developed the concept of the first HPLC instrument. His seminal works formed the basis of modern separation science.

In 1999 at the Connecticut Separation Science Council (CSSC) Annual Board Meeting held at Yale University, Professor Horváth suggested the establishment of a CSSC Medal to be awarded to a recognized scientist whose work has exemplified and will contribute to the advancement of separation science in the future. For his contributions, Professor Csaba Horváth was awarded the first medal. Subsequent recipients of the medal were Dr. Leslie Ettre, Dr. William S. Hancock, Dr. Harold McNair, Dr. Phyllis Brown, and Dr. Lloyd Snyder.

In 2007, at the 7th annual Csaba Horváth Medal Award Symposium, the medal was awarded to Dr. Eli Grushka, Professor of Analytical Chemistry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His contributions to the advancement of analytical chemistry in general, and to separation science in particular, are internationally recognized. Along with fundamental works on the mechanisms of chromatographic and electrophoretic separation, Professor Grushka's research interests also include the separation of enantiomers and oligonucleotides, studies on system peaks, the use of nanoparticles in capillary electrophoresis, and the use of liposome-modified reversed phase stationary phases. Together with the late J. Calvin Giddings, Professor Grushka extended the use of chromatographic statistical moments to characterize peak shape and analyze the chromatographic mechanism. His fundamental work in the field of separation science is evidenced by his extensive list of



*Figure 1.* Dr. Eli Grushka (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), recipient of the CSSC 2007 Medal.

publications. Professor Grushka is the Editor or Coeditor of a number of books and series such as *Separation and Purification Methods*, *Advances in Chromatography* and *Treatise on Analytical Chemistry*. He serves on the editorial boards of *Chromatographia*, *Separation Science Technology*, and *Analytical Letters*. In addition to the Csaba Horváth Medal, Professor Grushka was a Koltoff Fellow and received the Tswett Medal.

The 7th Csaba Horváth Medal Award Symposium held at the Hartford Convention Center in Hartford, CT on April 19, 2007, was organized by the Connecticut Separation Science Council along with the Horváth Laboratory of Bioseparation Science at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. The Symposium brought together leading experts

presenting papers on state-of-the-art research encompassing theoretical, experimental, and applied aspects of separations techniques. The proceedings of this symposium are being published in this special issue of the Journal of Liquid Chromatography and Related Technologies and are intended to be an homage to the esteemed scientist who was Csaba Horváth.

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