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EDITORIAL

This is the fourth special issue of this Journal devoted to thin layer chromatography (TLC). Each one of these issues has included a review, new technologies, and advances of existing modes of TLC. In addition, research articles dealing with the separation of complex mixtures, their visualization and quantification were published. We will continue to present the analyst and reader these special issues which have found a favorable response and are widely accepted.

During the past two years we've witnessed increased activity in meetings and symposia dealing with TLC advances which we believe are totally justified, and we commend their organizers. These meetings include the Second Biennial TLC Symposium which was held in Philadelphia, PA in November 1980. The Third in this series is tentatively planned for the first week of November 1982, in Philadelphia. Two sessions devoted to TLC advances were held at the Nineteenth Eastern Analytical Symposium in New York City, in November 1980. This year, two sessions are planned for November 18-20 in the same place. The First International Symposium on Instrumental TLC (HPTLC) was held last year in Germany. The second symposium will be held in Interlaken, Switzerland, May 1982.

Another International Symposium, the First American-Hungarian Symposium on TLC and HPLC applications was held in Szeged, Hungary, May 1981. Scientists from Hungary, the Soviet Union and the United States participated in the discussion. At the close of the meeting the organizing committee decided to expand the symposium to include other Eastern European Countries. The Second Symposium is planned for June 16-18, 1982 in Szeged, Hungary.

There is always half a day session devoted to TLC at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy. Other Chromatography meetings include research papers dealing with TLC.