

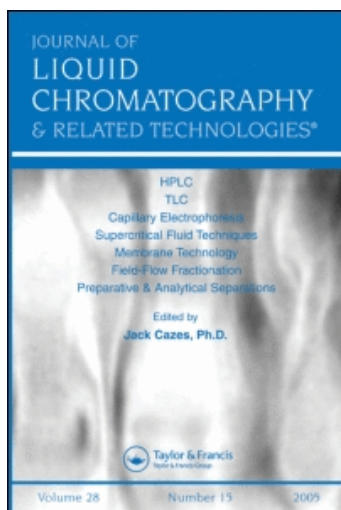
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Foreword

The year 2007 marks the 30th year of publication for the *Journal of Liquid Chromatography & Related Technologies*. It doesn't feel like so many years, a little less than a person's lifetime, but as the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun."

I still remember when I suggested to Dr. Maurits Dekker (Chairman of Marcel Dekker, Inc.) that it would be a good idea to have a journal devoted to high performance liquid chromatography. I didn't intend to do the job; it was only a suggestion. HPLC had come into its own as a separations technology and the field was growing in astronomical proportions and separation scientists and analysts needed a home to call their own.

Dr. Dekker needed an editor for the new journal endeavor and he decided I would be the one to launch the journal. I had already become Series Editor for the Chromatographic Science Series of books and so, according to him, I was a natural choice for the job. I said no, he said yes, I again said no, and he finally prevailed. It was a terrifying decision, not having an inkling of how to start and produce a research journal.

It was Sandra Beberman and Iris Accordino, at Dekker, who took me under their wings and led me through the maze of tasks involved in starting a journal. Initially, the journal was assembled directly from authors' manuscripts, cutting and pasting pieces of their manuscripts to make up the journal's pages. Somewhere in the middle of all this, capillary electrophoresis and its related methodologies came along, so the journal's name was changed from *Journal of Liquid Chromatography* to include "*Related Technologies*." In the first year, 1978, we published six issues; later we went to 12, then eventually to 20.

The rest speaks for itself! The journal has grown to become a significant factor in the dissemination of ideas and research results throughout the scientific community. There have been issues devoted to special topics, to symposia, and to reviews. The *Journal of Liquid Chromatography & Related Technologies* will continue to serve the community at large, bringing cutting edge methodologies and serving as a state-of-the-art

resource for novices and experienced practitioners of chromatography and its related technologies.

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