Foreword

Happy Y2K!

Time moves along quickly. This is the first *Current Separations* for the century and for the millennium. It also closes out our 25th anniversary celebration at BAS. The weight of this occasion requires that we do something special to celebrate. We have chosen to introduce two new families of products to lead us into Y2K. These are the epsilon™ and Culex™ products. Considering the information age, we have simultaneously constructed two new websites: *epsilon-web.net* and *culex.net*. Both are open for business, worldwide and 24/7.

The epsilon family defines a new generation of electrochemical and liquid chromatography products. These are designed for the networked age. They are expandable, customizable (to invent another word), updatable (over the web), scalable, and more versatile than anything we have done before in our 25 years. They are networkable products enabling you to monitor your lab from your office or even from your home and make midcourse adjustments in experimental protocols. We are adding a number of new features to our electrochemistry repertoire. These include potentiometry, conductance, titrimetry, autosampling, and 1-, 2- or 4-channel amperometry (quad-potentiostat). The new product line is designed to fit a variety of budgets and will give more performance for the price than anything we have done before. The epsilon platform smoothly harmonizes with liquid chromatography components including the BAS 200e and two new pumping systems, the PM-91e and PM-92e. It speaks the language of ChromGraph-e, an updated and networkable version of our popular ChromGraph software for liquid chromatography. You can read about many of these things in this issue. Many are ready today. Others will be released in the months ahead.

We think Culex is equally compelling. This product line is an offering from our In Vivo Sampling Division. It provides for simultaneous and automatic sampling of blood from rodents (popularly called rats) over extended periods of time. It is designed for pharmacokinetic screening of new drug substances. Culex includes the means for urine and feces collection, behavioral monitoring, and drug infusions. Windows software manages four animals asynchronously. Volume and time points for whole blood collections are independently under software control. There is much more. Look inside this issue or turn to the web at *culex.net*.

Culex and epsilon. Happy Birthday BAS. Happy New Millennium to all!

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