



Greetings from the new Editor-in-Chief

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I hope this day finds you well and happy. My name is Tsutomu Nagaoka, Professor of Applied Chemistry, Osaka Prefecture University, Japan. I am the new Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Flow Injection Analysis*, which is a position that I am pleased to undertake. First of all, I would like to thank the former Editor, Professor Toshihiko Imato, for his commitment and service to this journal. I hope that I can continue improving the journal as Prof. Imato did in his tenure as the editor.

I believe that this journal has been creating a center for communication with FIA researchers worldwide. It is our opportunity to reach out to one another and discuss our FIA community as well as scientific achievements in this field, so that we can grow and prosper in our profession.

My fascination with flow technology began during my Ph. D. student period. I developed a flow-through electrochemical generator to monitor the reactivities of free radicals by EPR. I also developed a flow-through electrochemical detector to identify surface groups on carbon fibers. These flow techniques provided very convenient and cost effective means to reach my research goals, and I really enjoyed the techniques using the detectors and generators that I assembled by myself. I am still very

fond of these memories.

I feel that our journal is just like the systems I made in my student days. Although multifarious activities in FIA analyses are reflected in the articles of this journal, perhaps a common factor linking all these articles is not only innovations but also something related to humanity.

Our journal has broadened to involve all types of activities in FIA research, as is evident in all the past issue's articles. Special efforts concerning new technologies in the field have been reported not only in the excellent research papers, but also in many other types of articles, such as topics, and meeting reports. These articles can play a significant role in advancing the FIA technology in the future.

As the new Editor-in-Chief, I am planning to increase the contribution by young generations to this journal. We renewed the editorial board, which now includes more young researchers and engineers this past March, and had the first editorial board meeting in May in Kagoshima City to discuss some of the issues to improve the quality and to add an element of fun in the journal.

It is my pleasure to serve you, and I hope that all of you consider submitting your research papers, topics, and news from your local FIA community to this journal.