

## Introducing Journal Sections

ACS *Applied Materials & Interfaces* has grown dramatically since its launch six years ago to becoming one of the largest ACS journals. The issue frequency has increased to reflect this, first from monthly to biweekly, and finally, this year to weekly. We have come to realize that a journal of this size will benefit from topical sections to guide the reader toward content that is within their scope of interest. These sections will also provide a guide to the journal scope for our authors, and will help the peer review editors manage processing. With this in mind, the following sections will be introduced to the journal table of contents over the coming months:

- (1) Biological and Medical Applications of Materials and Interfaces
- (2) Energy, Environmental, and Catalysis Applications
- (3) Functional Inorganic Materials and Devices
- (4) Organic Electronic Devices
- (5) Functional Nanostructured Materials (including low-D carbon)
- (6) Applications of Polymer Composite and Coating Materials
- (7) Surfaces, Interfaces, and Applications

In the near future, the ACS *Applied Materials & Interfaces* Paragon Plus submission site will be modified to include a pull down menu that will prompt our authors to choose the section they believe is most appropriate for their work. During the editorial and peer review process, an editor will check the author's topic selection and make changes as necessary. These section choices made at the stage of the initial submission will then be used to populate articles into the table of contents sections in the journal. The section headings will not appear in the journal right away, because it takes time for manuscripts to make their way through the review and production processes. Furthermore, some manuscripts that have had sections chosen will complete the process before the sections appear in the journal, and consequently, these articles will not be sectioned. We ask our authors to be patient with us over the next several months until the process of adding and implementing the table of contents sections is complete. We thank you all for your submissions, which has made this sectioning necessary, and which we welcome enthusiastically.

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#### Notes

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