

The Evolution of ACS Catalysis

The January 2013 issue marks the start of the third year of publication for ACS *Catalysis*. In the past year, the journal launched several new, successful initiatives and continued to cement its place as an important forum for communicating new discoveries in catalysis science. In Volume 2, 317 papers were published, excluding editorials, including 57 Letters (27% increase from 2011) and 215 Articles (49% increase from 2011), representing descriptions of original research, along with an array of Reviews, Perspectives, and Viewpoints. These numbers are in line with the ACS *Catalysis* mission to primarily be a medium for publication of original research covering all aspects of catalysis.

In 2012, we published two traditional special issues, whereby all accepted contributions appeared in a single issue. The first, issue 5, published in May 2012, covered Electrocatalysis and included 23 contributions. The last, published in November 2012 as issue 11, included 26 contributions covering Operando and In-Situ Catalysis. In 2013, no traditional special issues are currently planned, and instead, special issue content will be published as Virtual Special Issues.

ACS *Catalysis* published its first Virtual Special Issue (VSI) in 2012, a compilation of papers from scientists and engineers at ETH Zurich highlighting catalysis research that is ongoing at that institution. This is the first in a series of VSIs in ACS *Catalysis* that will focus on centers of excellence in catalysis around the globe. In these issues, invited papers are solicited and published after traditional peer review, immediately and in the order they are submitted. Whereas many journals will hold papers destined for publication in special issues for many months in ASAP or some other preliminary format, we seek to publish all papers in final form, with page numbers, in an expedient manner. VSIs allow us to do this, and after all papers for a given VSI are published, they are collated into a single, web-based VSI where readers can browse all the published papers for that topical area.

As it does every year, ACS *Catalysis* will make minor changes to its Editorial Advisory Board (EAB). At the end of December 2012, three EAB members have rotated off the board: Daniel Dubois (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory), John Gladysz (Texas A&M University), and Javier Perez-Ramirez (ETH Zurich), all of whom have made important contributions to the success of the journal. In January 2013, we welcome five new EAB members: Odile Eisenstein (Institut Charles Gerhardt at CNRS and Université Montpellier 2), Kazunari Domen (University of Tokyo), Cynthia Friend (Harvard University), Laurel Schafer (University of British Columbia), and Shannon Stahl (University of Wisconsin). We thank all the EAB members for their support of ACS *Catalysis*.

In 2012, we introduced Prof. Alan S. Goldman of Rutgers University as the inaugural winner of the ACS *Catalysis* Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science (<http://pubs.acs.org/page/accacs/lectureship/2012-winner.html>). Alan's contributions to catalysis science were highlighted in a symposium at the Fall ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.¹ The winner of the 2013 Lectureship will

be announced in early 2013. Continuing the partnership with the ACS Division of Catalysis Science and Technology, the 2013 award will honor the contributions of one individual or a collaborative team for groundbreaking research in catalysis. The winner or team may have their work featured in ACS *Catalysis* as well as at a symposium organized by the ACS Division of Catalysis Science and Technology at the ACS National Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 8–12, 2013.

Another milestone for the journal will take place this year when the 2012 Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Report (JCR) Impact Factor is announced in June. It is anticipated that this report will reaffirm the premise made above, that ACS *Catalysis* is rapidly becoming an important forum for communicating new discoveries in catalysis science, with broad impact and diverse readership. 2013 promises to be an exciting year for ACS *Catalysis*!

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