

Tremendous Growth for ACS Catalysis

The fourth year of publication of *ACS Catalysis* was marked by significant growth in numerous aspects of the journal. First and foremost, submissions to the journal were up about 65% over the previous year, demonstrating the strong response of the catalysis community to the evolution of the journal. At the same time, acceptance rates continued to drop, leading to tempered growth in the number of papers published. Excluding additions/corrections and editorials, the journal published 524 papers in 2014, a 38% increase over 2013. Of these manuscripts, only 8% represented Reviews, Perspectives, or Viewpoints, as the journal continues to focus on publishing original research. The growth in submissions necessitated the addition of two new Associate Editors in 2014: Prof. Bo-qing Xu of Tsinghua University, in China, and Prof. Suljo Linic of the University of Michigan, in the United States. Both had previously served on the journal's editorial advisory board (EAB), so they were able to seamlessly join the editorial team.

We continued to publish Virtual Special Issues (VSIs) in 2014 on both topical areas of catalysis and highlighting leading institutions in catalysis. These included a VSI on Catalysis at the Center for Enabling New Technologies Through Catalysis (CENTC) in the USA¹ and a VSI highlighting work at the Leibniz Institute for Catalysis (LIKAT) in Germany.² A topical VSI was published on Cascade Catalysis in the summer of 2014, as well.³ A new publication type was introduced in 2014, the Account, which is a retrospective overview of a prominent researcher's career contributions to catalysis. The first such article described Takashi Tatsumi's contributions in heterogeneous catalysis.⁴ Two or more new Accounts are likely to appear in 2015.

In the summer of 2014, the 2013 Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Report (JCR) Impact Factors (IF) were released, and *ACS Catalysis* achieved an IF of 7.572, placing it atop the array of specialty journals publishing catalysis. This was an excellent achievement in only our fourth year of publication and is a testament to our authors, who continue to submit high quality, high impact papers to the journal, as well as our EAB and referees, who help maintain very high publication standards at the journal. This also places *ACS Catalysis* as the top specialty journal for molecular synthetic chemistry in the ACS Publications portfolio.

Continuing a collaboration with the ACS Division of Catalysis Science & Technology, the 2014 *ACS Catalysis* Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science was awarded to Prof. Suljo Linic for his pioneering work in heterogeneous catalysis, including electrocatalysis and photocatalysis. During a symposium at the Fall ACS National Meeting in San Francisco, CA, Prof. Linic's friends and colleagues celebrated his contributions to catalysis.⁵ The winner of the 2015 Lectureship will be announced in due course, and the work of the honoree(s) will again be featured in a symposium organized by the ACS Division of Catalysis Science & Technology at the Fall ACS National Meeting, this time in Boston, MA.

Dr. David J. Smith, the inaugural Managing Editor of *ACS Catalysis*, stepped down from this position in the Fall of 2014. Dave served the journal tirelessly over the course of his 3+ years with ACS Publications and played a key role in the strong start that the journal achieved. Moving forward, the editorial team will miss his enthusiasm and broad familiarity with the catalysis community. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Rhea M. Williams was appointed as the new Managing Editor of *ACS Catalysis* last month. Rhea brings a rich knowledge of catalysis and surface science to the role, having recently completed a Ph.D. in Chemical and Biological Engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder, working with Prof. J. Will Medlin. Previously, she earned B.S. degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics from Salem College in Winston-Salem, NC. Undoubtedly, you will see her at various chemistry and catalysis conferences in the future, where she will be very actively working with the research community.

At the close of every year, we also make changes to the EAB, and in 2014, one member, Prof. Suljo Linic, rotated off the board and into an associate editor role, and one member was added to the EAB, Prof. Xile Hu, of Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland. At the start of 2015, three new EAB members were also added. Prof. Takashi Ooi of Nagoya University in Japan brings expertise in catalysis for organic synthesis, Prof. Joelle N. Pelletier of the Université de Montréal in Canada brings expertise in biocatalysis, and Prof. Helma Wennemers of ETH Zürich brings expertise in organocatalysis to the board. The EAB now comprises 32 chemists and engineers representing 13 countries.

In summary, the positive response of the chemical community to *ACS Catalysis* has allowed the journal to grow substantially over the past year in terms of submissions, publications, citations, EAB and editorial team membership, and impact on the field of catalysis. Ranking today as a top journal in catalysis and the top catalysis journal from an impact factor perspective, the editorial team recognizes the important role the journal plays in the chemical community. We will continue to strive to serve the community to the best of our ability.

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