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Editorial

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The Impact of ACS Macro Letters

Happy 2015 from all of us at *ACS Macro Letters*! 2014 was a banner year for the journal. Our first Impact Factor (IF) was announced in July and was an impressive 5.242. The way the IF is calculated, this number reflects the average number of times the papers from our first year of publication (2012) were cited in 2013. This makes *ACS Macro Letters* the highest rated, and we are now also the fastest, communications-only polymer journal and one of the top journals in the polymer field. A big thank you to you, our readers, our authors, and last, but certainly not least, our reviewers for this success. The journal continues to grow, and in 2014, we saw a significant increase in the number of manuscripts submitted. We are all very excited by how the community has received *ACS Macro Letters*, and we are working hard to make sure that the journal becomes your first port of call for the highest quality, rapid communications in the field of polymer science.

This was the second year of the Biomacromolecules/Macromolecules Young Investigator Award. The 2014 winners were chosen from a large, very competitive group of nominations: Profs. Sébastien Perrier, University of Warwick and Monash University, and Zhiyuan Zhong, Soochow University. Prof. Sébastien Perrier received the award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of living radical polymerizations from both a fundamental and applied perspective. Prof. Zhiyuan Zhong received the award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the design and development of functional biodegradable polymers, stimuli-sensitive drug and protein delivery systems, and targeted nanomedicines. The award symposium was held at the ACS Fall National meeting in San Francisco. Congratulations to both for the well-deserved award! The Call for Nominations for the 2015 award is available at http://pubs.acs.org/page/polymer_nominations_2015.html and applications will be accepted until January 12, 2015. We look forward to receiving your nominations and the celebration at the Fall ACS meeting in Boston!

There were five *ACS Macro Letters* articles that were chosen for ACS Editors' Choice this year (http://pubs.acs.org/editorschoice/). ACS Editors' Choice is a new service from the ACS designed to feature scholarly articles from ACS journals that are of interest to the global scientific community and to make this material open access and, thus, widely available to both the science community and the general public. In 2014, one article daily, based on nominations from ACS Editors, was selected from across the entire ACS journal family for ACS Editors' Choice. A wide selection of research was highlighted in our ACS Editors' Choice manuscripts, showcasing the diversity of scientific work that is published in the journal. This includes work from Raffaele Mezzenga's lab on "Directed Growth of Silk Nanofibrils on Graphene and Their Hybrid Nanocomposites";[1] Jeff Pyun's and Kookheon Char's laboratories on "Inverse Vulcanization of Elemental Sulfur to Prepare Polymeric Electrode Materials for Li−S Batteries";[2] Shinji Sakai's lab on "On-Cell Surface Cross-Linking of Polymer Molecules by Horseradish Peroxidase Anchored to Cell Membrane for Individual Cell Encapsulation in Hydrogel Sheath";[3] and Frances Allen's lab on "The Morphology of Hydrated As-Cast Nafion Revealed through Cryo Electron Tomography".[4] In addition, a Viewpoint[5] by Jean-François Lutz who put forward a thoughtful proposal on terminology, entitled "Aperiodic Copolymers", was also selected. As mentioned above, all these Letters will remain open access. We would also like to point out that if you would like your publication in *ACS Macro Letters* (or any ACS journal for that matter) to be available as sponsored open access, you can take advantage of another service from the ACS called ACS AuthorChoice (see http://pubs.acs.org/page/policy/authorchoice/index.html).

We also would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention ORCID and encourage you to register and obtain your ORCID identification number. ORCID is an open, nonprofit, community-driven effort to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research activities and outputs to these identifiers (http://orcid.org/about/what-is-orcid). The basic premise is that you will register with ORCID (which is a publisher-independent organization) to receive a unique ORCID ID that will help distinguish your research activities from those of others with similar names. ACS is, at the moment, in the early stages of implementing ORCID integration in our peer review workflow, where use of ORCID identifiers is currently encouraged but not yet required for corresponding authors. The ACS is working to determine how ORCID can be fully integrated and used end-to-end in the entire publication process. Both of us have already registered and have our ORCID ID numbers; it is free, took less than 5 min, and you do not have to provide any sensitive information.

Finally, to keep up with events in 2015 as they happen, follow us on Twitter @ACSMacroLett. In addition, we also regularly produce podcasts, http://pubs.acs.org/page/amlccd/audio/index.html, jointly with *Biomacromolecules* and *Macromolecules*. Join us every month to listen to interviews and discussions with our authors on the pioneering work published in the ACS polymer journals.

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