

Looking Forward

First, thank you for the overwhelming response to issue 1 of *ACS Nano*! At the Fall 2007 ACS National Meeting & Exhibition in Boston, through E-mail and calls, and by the jump in manuscript submissions, you have shown your interest, support, and pleasure at this new venture. We hope to live up to the very high expectations that you have for us.

One of the goals that we have set for *ACS Nano* is to be forward-looking. This is particularly timely in our field. I was struck at this year's Fall ACS meeting by the questions posed, not so much by the audiences but rather by the *speakers*. There appears to be a new openness to discussion, collaboration, and exploration of the complex systems that we study. The most interesting investigations open up new areas, expose new mysteries, and suggest novel applications. The willingness to share unexplained and partially connected puzzle pieces and to ask others for insight is refreshing.

As we continue to develop new tools to explore the unknown,¹ we discover new phenomena and can work together to tease out structures, functions, and other properties. New processes, tools, and methods are enabling, as we have seen in the revolution in biotechnology. As described by Prof. Stacey Bent in the previous issue, it can be *years* before we discover which rules apply generally and which do not, when that is important and when it is not.²

While we insist on solid, supported scientific advances in the research manuscripts that we select for publication, we also ask our authors to look beyond the horizon. We sometimes ask them (*e.g.*, Prof. Bent) to go further in Perspectives and other articles.^{2,3}

As editors with diverse interests, we have found these to be the most fascinating and stimulating of all our discussions. We hope that you find this approach thought-provoking and useful in accelerating science and engineering at the nanoscale. We welcome your suggestions in this regard.

I would now like to thank the team of people who helped launch *ACS Nano*: Dr. Sarah Tegen was instrumental in starting the journal and leading the launch team; Leslie Walker coordinated the production of the journal; Jonathan Morgan conceived of the Web site; James Liu led the team of Web developers who implemented the design; Joseph Graham coordinated our marketing efforts; and Grace Miller coordinated the peer review process with the editors. All worked tirelessly to make *ACS Nano* a reality. Finally, please join me in welcoming Dr. Penelope Lewis as our new Managing Editor. Dr. Lewis is an accomplished scientist in our field and will be working with our editors, authors, reviewers, and staff to shape the future of *ACS Nano*.



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