

Welcome to the Community of Nanoscience: Introducing ACS Nanotation

The nanoscience and nanotechnology community is, by its very nature, interdisciplinary. Our field mixes and blends researchers from chemistry, biology, physics, materials science, and engineering into a veritable melting pot, where we share ideas and push boundaries, struggling at times to communicate using languages that may be exclusive to our specific disciplines. Nevertheless, our varied backgrounds enable a vibrant, collaborative and dynamic community, one that ACS Publications and *ACS Nano* are committed to building and strengthening.

We recognize the need for common ground for all levels of researchers in our field. To accommodate that need, we are excited to announce the launch of a new community Web site, ACS Nanotation (www.acsnanotation.org). ACS Nanotation capitalizes on the collaborative nature of nanoscience and nanotechnology, featuring dynamic content that depends very much on the participation of the individuals within our community. Yes, this means you!

You will find a number of useful features on ACS Nanotation. For example, in "Nano Picks", experts review and comment on the most recent and most important research articles in the nanoscience and nanotechnology literature. Along with short synopses illuminating key findings, these experts provide insightful commentary, discussing the merits of the papers they have selected. With the burgeoning and diverse literature, and with increasing pressures on our time, "Nano Picks" is a place where researchers can go to get regular highlights of and pointers to key papers in the areas that interest them most. Registered users will have the opportunity to comment on the papers as well, as an interactive online journal club.

ACS Nanotation facilitates interactions between scientists at all stages of their careers. To this end, we have "Ask the Scientist", where scientists and enthusiasts alike can ask questions of a key figure in nanotechnology. Currently, "Ask the Scientist" features A. Paul Alivisatos, Larry and Diane Bock Professor of Nanotechnology, Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science at the University of California, Berkeley, and Associate Laboratory Director, Physical Sciences, at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. As co-editor of *Nano Letters*, Dr. Alivisatos has deep exposure and broad insight into this field. Now, you have the opportunity to ask him questions about research conducted in his laboratory, advice for getting started in nanoscience, and which areas he finds the most intriguing and the most promising. Look for an exciting slate of scientists and engineers to sit in this position for you in the future.

ACS Nanotation also provides a forum for participants to add their own content. We introduce "NanoTube", where registered users can submit videos in which they describe their papers in our journals, and their research and laboratory techniques. You will find a Nano WIKI, a dynamic database where users contribute and edit content on nanoscience, lending itself naturally to collaboration. Discussion topics may range from experimental measurements, to theory and modeling, to ethics and societal implications, to data display. It is up to you to help decide! You will also find a glossary for nanoscience and nanotechnology that is being added to and defined by researchers like you, with the expert guidance of Dr. Peter Hartwell of Hewlett-Packard.

In addition to all these features, ACS Nanotation offers career resources and a calendar of events in the nanoscience world, plus nanoscience research highlights from across ACS Publications and information on joining ACS technical divisions. We hope that you will come to find ACS Nanotation your key destination for everything nano, where you can read and discuss research highlights and participate in captivating discussions with researchers around the world. Stop by the site and please let us know what you think; while you are there, add a comment to "Nano Picks" or a section to the growing WIKI. We look forward to joining you there!

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