

# One Hundred Years of Chemistry in Beijing

Last month, I was honored to join the centennial celebration of Peking University's College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering. A rough translation of the Chinese word for chemistry is *the science of change*. Indeed, this is an apt description for this vibrant program. Peking University traditionally has a large, robust, and productive chemistry department. With a strong focus on nanoscience and great momentum both locally and nationally,<sup>1</sup> the future looks bright indeed for the college. One can already see the Peking University alumni "mafia" in key academic positions throughout the world. Now, new generations of scientists are being trained to think about the key problems of the present and future.

I am grateful for the opportunity to see both the science underway and the long-term growth ahead.



From left to right: Peking University President Dr. Qifeng Zhao (a chemist), Chinese Academy of Sciences Executive Vice President and ACS Nano Editorial Advisory Board Member Dr. Chunli Bai, Editor-in-Chief Paul S. Weiss, and American Chemical Society President Joseph Francisco at the centennial celebration of Peking University's College of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering in May 2010.

I am grateful to have been included in the celebrations and for the opportunity to see both the science underway and the long-term growth ahead. We will look forward to charting this progress in upcoming issues.

Sadly, we also say an untimely goodbye to our colleague and friend Prof. Victor S.-Y. Lin. Associate Editor Jillian Buriak describes Prof. Lin and his science in a Nano Focus article in this issue.<sup>2</sup>

We welcome Prof. Ray Schaak as our newest associate editor. Prof. Schaak is a professor of chemistry at The Pennsylvania State University and works in the area of nanomaterials and solid state chemistry.<sup>3</sup> He and Prof. Wolfgang Parak<sup>4</sup> will start their positions as Associate Editors at the beginning of July. Please join me in welcoming them both to ACS Nano.

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Prof. Ray Schaak of The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Chemistry joins *ACS Nano* as an Associate Editor, starting this July.

Lastly, as we were going to press, the Kavli Prizes for 2010 were announced. Our congratulations go to editorial advisory board Prof. Ned Seeman of New York University<sup>5</sup> and to Dr. Don Eigler of IBM Almaden,<sup>6,7</sup> my postdoctoral mentor there. We will have more on the laureates and the impact of their work in the upcoming issues.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. S. Weiss'.

Paul S. Weiss  
Editor-in-Chief

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