

# Continued Growth, Stronger Interactions

We have instituted a number of new features and strategies at *ACS Nano* that I will take this opportunity to describe. The first is the *Just Accepted* manuscript service, in which peer-reviewed, accepted papers are made available online with their final DOI numbers within 24 h of acceptance (we have already seen times as short as 20 min). This enables us to make our authors' science available prior to technical editing and formatting and a few days before ASAP manuscripts (*i.e.*, composed in our journal format but without final page numbers) would otherwise appear. Having one's paper appear in this fashion (or not) is up to the authors, who can opt in for the service upon submission of an original or revised manuscript. A note to authors on speeding this process—in returning a revised manuscript to us, please include both a version with changes highlighted and one without those highlighted, as the former will not be posted. For more information on *Just Accepted*, please visit the FAQ on the *ACS Nano* Web site.

As our submissions have skyrocketed, doubling every year since our inception in 2007, we have continued to add more talented, committed editors (see below). That has enabled us to have greater overlap in our expertise, and thus even more discussions of manuscripts, the fields in which we

work, the future, and the challenges ahead. You may recall that we have monthly teleconferences in which all editors discuss the status of our fields, our most recent issue, upcoming issues, and every appeal that is sent to us. In addition, we now have much more frequent conversations about specific manuscripts among groups of editors, so that the wisdom and insight of all relevant editors can benefit those manuscripts and their authors. Our growth has also meant that smaller fractions of the manuscripts we receive go out for review, and smaller fractions are accepted. We continue to be struck by the amazing, exciting science that is submitted to *ACS Nano*, and we ensure you that we do our best to select the top papers of broadest interest for publication.

This process and attention to the manuscripts submitted has paid off in many ways. After three plus years as editor, it has become increasingly clear how both our authors and readers benefit from having practicing scientists, at the tops of their areas, serve as editors at *ACS Nano*. I say this as an editor, an author, and a referee myself. The referee reports we receive are substantive and timely; I thank our reviewer community for this as we know there are many demands on you. While many journals appear to have given up on senior scientists as referees, we have not, as we find that the most productive scientists in our field are also the most responsive and committed. I wish I could convey to you the efforts and care that go into the handling of each manuscript by our editors and staff. As you have likely seen, the papers that we publish are getting increasing attention in talks, other journals, and the popular and scientific press. The citations, impact, and attention to the work we publish all continue to grow at an astounding rate. Thank you both for the work that you send us and for your continuing support and comments.

We welcome frequent contributor Prof. Peter Nordlander as our newest associate editor.<sup>1–7</sup> Prof. Nordlander is a professor of physics and astronomy and of electrical and computer engineering at Rice University and is well-known for his work on plasmonics, nano-optics, electron transport in nanostructures, and the electronic properties of surfaces and nanoparticles.

Lastly, our hearts and support go out to our colleagues in Sendai and other areas in Japan impacted by the earthquake and tsunami. I was in Sendai two weeks before the earthquake, at the annual meeting of the Advanced Institute for Materials Research based at Tohoku University,<sup>8,9</sup> in which I am one of

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Prof. Peter Nordlander of Rice University joins *ACS Nano* as associate editor.

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the principal investigators. I understand that all institute members and staff have been accounted for and are safe; we are most thankful for this. The institute is being put back together, and most of it will be operational in May. I hope you will join me in offering any and all help that we can in these efforts, to both the affected scientists and communities.

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