President Obama Announces the BRAIN Initiative

As noted last month and previously,[1−4] nanoscience and nanotechnology have a great deal to contribute in advancing the technologies needed to study the brain. This month, Pres. Obama announced the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative at the White House. I was fortunate and honored to be present, along with Profs. Anne Andrews and Paul Alivisatos, editors of our sister journals *ACS Chemical Neuroscience* and *Nano Letters*, respectively.

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President Obama announces the BRAIN initiative in the East Room of the White House on April 2, 2013.

The project will be led by and funded through the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency along with a number of private foundations. Dr. Francis Collins, NIH Director, introduced Pres. Obama as the country's "Scientist in Chief" and will serve as the spokesperson for the initiative.

Now, the work begins in identifying, developing, and applying the technologies and platforms required to make the initiative a reality.[1] Look for both the challenges and the advances here in *ACS Nano* over the exciting years to come.

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Professor Ali Khademhosseini of Harvard University joins *ACS Nano* as an associate editor.

In addition, this month we are delighted to announce that Prof. Ali Khademhosseini has joined us as an associate editor. Dr. Khademhosseini applies advances in nanoscience and nanotechnology to tissue engineering. He is an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology, and Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering. He is a frequent contributor to *ACS Nano* both of research articles and Perspectives, including one in this issue.[5−9]

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