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## Publisher's Note

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The publisher is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Jorge L. Gardea-Torresdey as Editor. Jorge has served as an editorial board member of *Journal of Hazardous Materials* for the past few years, and we are pleased that he has agreed to extend his association with the Journal.

Jorge is currently Chairman of Department of Chemistry, Dudley Professor of Chemistry, and Professor of Environmental Science and Engineering at University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). He received his MSc and PhD degrees in Analytical Chemistry from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, where he continued as Post-doctoral Fellow in Environmental Chemistry before becoming Associate Professor at UTEP in 1994.

Jorge's research efforts focus on various aspects of environmental chemistry and phytoremediation including: the

development of electrochemical, chromatographic and spectrometric analytical methods for metals and hazardous organic compounds in the environment; the investigation of metal binding to bio-materials for remediation of contaminated waters; air quality in the El Paso-Juarez area; and the utilization of X-ray absorption spectroscopy in environmental chemistry.

Jorge has received a number of awards for his achievements in environmental science and is a member of several journal editorial boards. He is also co-author of over 200 papers published in peer-reviewed journals.

Authors are invited to submit articles to Professor Jorge L. Gardea-Torresdey online at http://ees.elsevier.com/hazmat/.