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Editorial

We at the *Journal of Macromolecular Science, Pure and Applied Chemistry* are in the process of launching a new publishing experiment. We believe that a journal dedicated to the subject of Organic Photovoltaics may be warranted considering the rapidly growing number of papers that have been published in this area in the last few years. Therefore, we are launching a new section dedicated to OPV in the present journal to gauge interest and help us determine whether we can sustain OPV as a separate publication or whether we should continue to incorporate OPV in *JMS-PAC*.

OPV is a very diverse field of study. It encompasses organic and polymer synthesis; physical chemistry, to use a generic term to include chemical and physical properties of materials that must be addressed before a single cell is constructed; photophysics and photochemistry of energy and electron transfer; electronics; adhesives; barrier properties; degradation and stability; mechanical properties; and coating and printing.

The depth and breath of this subject is enormous, and at the present time papers are published in a variety of international journals. Many of these papers, particularly

those concentrating on the physical or electronic aspects of the field, do not describe detailed synthetic procedures and chemical properties of the materials that are used. It is frequently difficult to find papers that would aid in designing molecules or devising new synthetic routes to advanced materials. Consequently, although this new section of *JMS-PAC* will accept manuscripts that describe forefront research in all aspects of this field, we will encourage authors to submit manuscripts that emphasize synthesis and chemical properties of their new materials.

The present issue of *JMS-PAC* includes our first submission to this special OPV section, and we invite you to submit your own OPV research. *JMS-PAC* will continue to publish articles that are not about OPV—the Aims & Scope of the journal remain unchanged, except for the addition of OPV.

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