

EDITORIAL

New Journals for a New Year

The passing of the New Year brings important changes to *The Journal of Physical Chemistry*. This is the first issue of the reorganized Journal, including the inaugural issue of JPC C, a journal that will emphasize nanomaterials, interfaces, catalysis, and special topics such as electron transport, electronic and optical devices and energy conversion and storage. JPC A continues to cover many of the same topics as in the past, including dynamics, clusters, kinetics, spectroscopy, atmospheric and environmental chemistry, and molecular structure and theory, but with some reordering, and with two new categories: excited states and green chemistry. JPC B has become the part of the Journal concerned with condensed matter topics, including macromolecules, soft matter, surfactants, membranes, thermodynamics, medium effects and biophysical chemistry. These new sections came about as a result of extensive discussions with the Editorial Advisory Committee and the Senior Editors, and I appreciate the many suggestions that I received.

As much as we like the new journal sections, I also realize that there might be some confusion with where certain types of manuscripts should go. I continue to work with the Senior Editors to sort things out, so for the immediate future the Senior Editors will make all final decisions on this issue.

I very much appreciate the excellent cooperation that we have had with authors as the reorganized Journal has been launched. A revised version of Paragon was installed in early November that included a new Notice to Authors, and papers for JPC C started appearing in the ASAP web page in late November, all without a glitch. I also should give special thanks to my journal staff in Evanston: Davine Henderson, Jan Goranson, Julie Rossetti and Vivian Alberici, who quickly adapted to the new format, and I am extremely thankful to Leslie Walker, who headed up the journal project in the Columbus office of ACS Publications.

While the reorganization of JPC has kept us plenty busy, the growth of the Journal has also permitted me to add four new Senior Editors starting in early 2008: Theodore Goodson from the University of Michigan, Arun Yethiraj from the University of Wisconsin, Francisco Zaera from the University of California at Riverside and Xueming Yang from Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics in China. I am delighted to add these individuals to the extremely hard working and efficient Senior Editors (and their staff) that we already have.

The Journal will likely undergo additional important changes during 2007, of which the most important will be the introduction of the Paragon Plus replacement for Paragon for handling manuscripts. This will provide a new author/editor interface that has many important new features that authors have been asking about for a long time, while at the same time preserving aspects of Paragon that we all like. Although it is too early at this point to go into details, we are all looking forward to this change.

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