

EDITORIAL

The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters

In order to respond to the demand from our authors to provide a high-profile publication for the presentation of urgent research results, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry (JPC)* will reorganize beginning in 2010 with the introduction of *The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters (JPCLett)*. *JPCLett* will be an all-Letters-format journal, encompassing all areas covered by *JPC A, B, and C*, and will replace the current Letters that appear in *JPC A, B, and C*. By restructuring our offices such that *JPCLett* has a separate set of editors and editorial staff dedicated solely to Letters and by moving to an online-only format, we will reduce publication times below what has been possible in the past. Providing an all-Letters-format journal will also increase the visibility of Letter-type articles and provide a condensed forum in which readers can see the most cutting-edge research across all areas of physical chemistry and chemical physics. We will begin processing new manuscripts for *JPCLett* in September, and the first papers will appear on the *JPCLett* Web site in late November 2009.

JPC has a tradition of publishing Letters that began in 1980, when they were introduced as a new article type by Mostafa A. El-Sayed. Over the past several years, Letters published in *JPC* have grown at such a rapid pace that it is now desirable to create a separate identity for these high-quality Letters. The new, streamlined *JPCLett* will provide a separate citation for our Letters, and as a result, there will be a separate Impact Factor. In addition, the launch of *JPCLett* will provide unique opportunities for highlighting exciting results from our authors, and we will also publish occasional perspectives on rapidly developing areas of research.

As part of the reorganization, I have appointed Prashant Kamat (Notre Dame) as Deputy Editor who will oversee the operations of *JPCLett*, and Donna Minton will be the Managing Editor for the journal. Two excellent Senior Editors from *JPC*, Sharon Hammes-Schiffer (Penn State) and Timothy Zwier (Purdue), will join Prashant in handling editorial duties for manuscripts submitted to *JPCLett*. Letters for all areas of physical chemistry will be submitted to a separate Web site within the Paragon Plus system, and accepted Letters will be rapidly published on a new Web page within ACS Publications. Regular Articles, Feature Articles, and Special Issue Articles will continue to be submitted to and published at the *JPC A, B, and C* sites. Further information about *JPCLett* is available at www.pubs.acs.org/JPCL.

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