Celebrating 50 Years of Publication: Year in Review!

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You might recall reading the editorial, *Celebrating 50 Years of Publication!* (Call and Gorsuch 2016), in the January 2016 issue of the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology (Bulletin). Our editorial announced plans to celebrate the Bulletin's 50th Year Anniversary. As the Golden Anniversary year of the Bulletin closes, we are honored to have served as its Anniversary volume Editors. Several changes that were implemented to commemorate this special year are described below.

Each issue contained editorials or retrospectives helping to celebrate 50 years of publication. Editorials reflecting the Bulletin's history were published by two former editors-in-chief (Hylin 2016; Nigg 2016) and an overview of the future of the Bulletin was presented by current editor-in-chief (Bennett 2016a, b). Other editorials were on ecotoxicology in the US southern states (Garcia-Reyero 2016), and the risk of neonicotinoid insecticides (Kurwadkar and Evans 2016).

In addition to the six editorials, nine retrospectives were prepared by past Bulletin authors, or associates, with papers in the top 100 citations that described the advancement of science and regulations during the past 20–40 years to protect the environment (Chapman 2016; Heinz 2016; LeBlanc 2016; Rattner et al. 2016; Schmitt and McKee 2016; Schultz and Aptula 2016; Shore and Shemesh 2016; Stehle and Schulz 2016; Zitko 2016). These papers addressed some of the most important environmental science research of the last 30–50 years.

Focused reviews were announced as a new publishing option in April (Bennett 2016a). Five reviews were published in this anniversary year, with the first appearing in the May issue (Faust et al. 2016). These were followed by reviews in July (Mathieu-Denoncourt et al. 2016), September (Duan et al. 2016), October (Furtado et al. 2016), and December (Greaves and Letcher 2016). Two reviews focused on metals, two on organics, and one on potential implications of climate change on new water legislation in the United States.

Additionally, seven articles that were published during the year, including the retrospective by Schultz and Aptula and focused reviews from May, September and October, were selected by the editors to highlight the breadth of the papers the Bulletin receives and publishes. The remaining three articles were by Schmitt and McKee (2016), Lüderwald et al. (2016), and Rios et al. 2016. The editorials, retrospectives and selected papers were available for download through open access. These retrospectives and selected papers have generated considerable interest as evidenced by download records, with one paper having been downloaded 1300 times as of October 31st.

In 2017 we anticipate publishing additional retrospectives prepared by authors with highly cited Bulletin papers during the past 20–30 years. We'll close by recognizing the outstanding support of the many authors that have made the Bulletin a cherished resource of old and new research, and wishing the Bulletin continued success for decades to come. The articles we've highlighted showcase the types of papers published in the Bulletin, and we encourage you, the reader, to consider submitting your paper to the Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology.

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