Changing of the guard for Theoretical Chemistry Accounts

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Announcements such as the appointment of new Editors-in-Chief are usually made “with great pleasure”, and this is completely true for announcing that Ilaria Ciofini and Carlo Adamo (École Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Paris, France) will start in that role beginning next year. However, certainly I cannot find any pleasure whatsoever in announcing at the same time that Chris Cramer will step down as Editor-in-Chief for Theoretical Chemistry Accounts at the end of this year. In such a situation of mixed feelings, it is reassuring to know that not only two competent and highly reputed scientists such as Ilaria Ciofini and Carlo Adamo have accepted the invitation to become Editor-in-Chief, but that Chris Cramer will continue to support the development of *TCA* as a member of the Editorial Board as well as continue to run @TheorChemAcc, the Twitter account of *TCA* initiated by him. Likewise and thankfully, Don Truhlar will continue as Chief Advisory Editor, and Weitao Yang as Associate Editor. To assure a smooth handover of responsibility, Ilaria Ciofini and Carlo Adamo will start as Associate Editors already in September 2014. Editors-in-Chief are the guards of scientific quality as well as of the reputation of their journal. So over the coming months, the *TCA* community in particular and all theoretical chemists in general can watch the changing of the guard for the oldest journal in the field!

Chris Cramer has perfectly guarded *TCA* through times of significant changes in the publishing environment. Milestones of these changes were the introduction of the Open-Choice option in 2004 to allow *TCA* authors to publish in full open access, the implementation of an online submission and peer-review system in 2007, a doubling of submissions since then, or the change to consecutive article publishing in 2012, the year of *TCA*'s 50th anniversary. This also includes the foundation of the “Highlights in Theoretical Chemistry” series together with Don Truhlar, which makes selected *TCA* topical collections available in book format for wider visibility. On behalf of Springer, I would like to thank Chris Cramer for all his achievements such as arranging for outstanding topical collections. Personally, I would like to thank him for a constructive and enjoyable collaboration over many years.

I very much look forward to continuing this successful collaboration from next year onwards with Ilaria Ciofini and Carlo Adamo, both long-time authors and reviewers for *TCA*. Carlo Adamo has been one of the guest editors for the topical collection honoring Vincenzo Barone published 2012. While the new Editors-in-Chief certainly will bring in new perspectives, and are welcome to do so, all is set for continuing the tradition of a well-respected journal.

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