Exciting times for gold

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I would like to begin my first editorial as the incoming Editor-in-Chief of *Gold Bulletin* by paying tribute to the efforts of my predecessors in making the journal what it is today. Since the mid-1990s, Drs. Chris Corti, David Thompson, Patricia Harris and Richard Holliday have all taken on various editorial roles, successfully building the journal into the respected, high-impact publication we all now enjoy. As most of you will know, Richard was the most recent Editor-in-Chief and, in total, spent over a decade working on *Gold Bulletin*. He recognised the importance of the journal to the community and worked tirelessly to keep the format fresh and content of the highest quality. I know you will all join me in thanking him for his efforts over the years and wish him well in his future endeavours.

I feel very fortunate to be taking the reins of *Gold Bulletin* at this point in time. Thanks to those who have gone before me, the editorial board and the superb production team at Springer, the journal is in excellent health. What also excites me is that gold is absolutely everywhere in science and technology at the moment; indeed, the research landscape as a whole is probably as healthy as it has ever been, and it is a rare event when a chemistry or materials journal does not carry at least one gold-based article in an issue. This issue of *Gold Bulletin* reflects the depth of research currently, with papers spanning fields such as

nanoparticle synthesis, catalysis, antimicrobials and sensing applications.

This year also sees two significant gold-focussed science and technology events taking place; firstly, the 2nd Gordon Research Conference on Noble Metal Nanoparticles visits Massachusetts in June, whilst the 6th International Conference on Gold Science, Technology and its Applications takes place in Tokyo in September. These meetings bring together the world's leading researchers in the field, and provide exciting platforms for the dissemination of cutting-edge gold-based science from all four corners of the world. I will be attending both meetings, so hope to meet as many of you as possible there. In the meantime, please continue submitting your articles, conference reports and reviews to *Gold Bulletin* via the online system at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/gold/>, and feel free to get in touch with myself or the production team if you have any feedback on the journal in general. I hope you enjoy this issue of *Gold Bulletin*.

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