Appointment of a new Co-EIC, Dr. Michael Maskos

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It is my distinct pleasure to announce the appointment, of Dr. Michael Maskos as Co-EIC, who is Executive Director of Fraunhofer Institute for Microengineering and Microsystems (IMM), Mainz, Germany, since 2011. He holds a full professorship in the field of Chemical Process Engineering / Microfluidics at the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany. In 2000, he received the Research Award from the Boehringer–Ingelheim Foundation and in the same year went to McGill University in Montreal, Canada, as a research scholar of the German Academy of Natural Scientists Leopoldina. After returning, he served as the leader of the Division Durability of Polymers at the Federal Institute of Materials Research and Testing (BAM). In 2015, he won the Literature Prize of the Chemical Industry of Germany for the textbook “Polymers: Synthesis, Characteristics and Applications”.

His expertise includes optical, mechanical, and clean room-based processes for microstructuring, the application-oriented focus related to microfluidics-based diagnostics and analytics, and nanomaterials for various applications. His personal goal is to secure the journal’s long-term success with new ideas with increasing impact factor. I join me in welcoming Dr. Maskos to the MST editorial board.

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