EDITORIAL

The year 2022 marks the 40th anniversary of the *Chinese Journal of Polymer Science* (CJPS)—a true milestone to be celebrated! In the early stage of the reform and opening, there was an increasing demand for international academic communications. To facilitate these communications, the editorial board of the original Chinese version (now known as *Acta Polymerica Sinica*, launched in 1957) proposed publishing an English version of the journal entitled *Polymer Communications*. This new journal was first published by Science Press in 1983 with semiannual issues. In 1984, four issues were published. The main contents of the first several issues were selected from the Chinese version of the journal for quick publication. Since 1985, *Polymer Communications* has grown into an independent journal and was given the new name as the *Chinese Journal of Polymer Science*. The review procedures of the published manuscripts were the same as those of the original Chinese version in the initial stage, and some articles were published to introduce the new achievements in a special topic. The inaugural Editor-in-Chief, Bao-Ren Wang, was assisted by four Associate Editors: Xin-De Feng, Ren-Yuan Qian, Bao-Gong Qian, and Bing-Lin He.

The journal's scope intended to cover polymer chemistry, polymer physics, polymer physical chemistry, polymer materials, and the characterization and analysis of polymers at the beginning. Although this scope has been largely retained in the current issues, the emphasis has naturally evolved with the rapid development of polymer science itself. The later publications of this journal have increasingly included "mainstream" aspects of contemporary polymer science, such as controlled polymerization strategies (RAFT, ATRP, and ROMP), optoelectronic functional polymers, self-assembly of block polymers in solution and solid states, polymer nanocomposites, polymer blends, functional membranes of polymers, and biopolymers of all types. As the experimental tools and technology that we rely on today become increasingly advanced, the understanding of the structures of polymers and copolymers has been elucidated more clearly at different levels. Theory and computer simulations have also quickly developed during this period. The articles published in CJPS have reflected these remarkable developments in China and worldwide. CJPS has published the work of authors from more than 50 countries, such as Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Iran, Japan, the UK and USA. The journal focuses on the publication of fundamental polymer science research in a timely fashion and aims to link its authors and readers. In these 40 years, CJPS has grown to be a globally influential journal in polymer science. It was first indexed in SCI-Expanded in 1996 and has now become a core SCI journal with an impact factor of 3.603.

In 2022, the 40th anniversary of CJPS will be celeb-

rated with a series of commemorative 40th Anniversary Editorials, focusing on broad topics that have undergone considerable developments during the life of this journal and remain of contemporary interest. These editorials will include topics that we believe to be important and truly fascinating, such as liquid crystalline polymers, supramolecular polymer chemistry, aggregation-induced emission (AIE) polymers, polymers for flexible electronics, and advanced polymer fibers. The historical, current, and projected future progresses and prospects in the relevant fields will be presented to our readers. Moreover, three special issues, each focusing on one topic (ordered structure of polymers, bio-medical polymers, and organic photovoltaics) have been planned.

It is my privilege to succeed Fo-Song Wang, the successor to Xin-De Feng in 2003. I am honored to have served in this role since 2016. I have worked with a dedicated and talented team of Associate Editors, an eminent Editorial Board, and distinguished International Advisory Board members, as well as professional, responsive staff from the CJPS Editorial Office, all of whom deserve my heartfelt thanks. From the outset, I have been aware of the community's highest regard for CJPS and the reputation gained from the consistently rigorous, constructive, and fair peer reviews that ensure proper and high-quality publications. I believe that we have maintained that reputation and will continue to do so in future because despite facing dramatic changes, the world of scientific publication inherits the timeless and invaluable attributes of the past. To all those who have submitted your wonderful results to CJPS and generously given your time as reviewers, you are the bedrock of the journal and your contributions are truly memorable and gratefully acknowledged.

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