Opinions in Fluorescence Spectroscopy

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Dear Fluorescence Community,

I'd like to start this brief editorial by wishing everybody and their families a very happy New Year for 2020.

Over the many years I have worked in Fluorescence Spectroscopy (> 30 at present), I have seen our scientific discipline and practice change considerably. We have transitioned from a community of narrowly focused fluorescence workers to a community that now broadly expands the world, with most laboratories and departments employing some, if not many, fluorescence techniques. The world has subsequently become a lot smaller place as the Journal's outreach became global; where, as the editor-in-chief, not a day goes by without me speaking to someone in a different continent on a fluorescence related matter.

In talking to fluorescence workers around the world it is evident that many people have their own perspectives and opinions on Fluorescence Spectroscopy. Whether it be, where the discipline is going ?, emerging areas of Fluorescence or even academic or publishing policy matters. Subsequently, I am launching a new article type called "Opinions" in the hope of capturing some of these discussions and valuable contributions.

"Opinions" in Fluorescence articles will be reviewed by the editors and the editorial board. Initially they will be invited,

but the journal also welcomes random solicitations. Authors are encouraged to discuss their topic and content with the editor-in-chief (Professor Chris D. Geddes, Geddes@umbc.edu) before submitting. Additional information can be found below:

- There is no length restriction of articles
- The content can be focused on Fluorescence techniques and emerging disciplines, but self-serving articles are discouraged.
- The content can include scientific and publishing policy.
- The content can include discussions on education, training, employment and entrepreneurialism.
- The articles are not intended to replace other peer reviewed article types.
- Figures are welcome

I hope you all find these new articles informative and as always, please e-mail me with any questions

Best

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