

Happy New Year from *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences*

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Themed issues

During 2008 we published four themed issues of *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences*, representing the broad subject areas covered by the Journal and some of the hot topics in the field:

Themed issue on bioluminescence, guest edited by Vadim Viviani

Issue honouring the scientific contributions of Professor Jakob Wirz, guest edited by Dario Bassani and Dick Pagni

Themed issues on tetrapyrrole receptors, guest edited by Mamoru Mimuro

Issue honouring Professor Nick Turro for his contribution to photoscience, guest edited by Vaidyanathan Ramamurthy

We would like to thank the guest editors of each of these themed issues for the time they dedicated to making these issues a great success.

We have also published a further two perspectives in the 'Time-resolved methods in biophysics series'. We would like to thank the guest editors of this series, Thomas Gensch and Cristiano Viappiani, for their work on this series. A complete listing of the perspectives can be found on the Journal homepage (www.rsc.org/ppps).

Building on the success of the themed issues we have a number of further issues planned for this year. The first of these will be a themed issue on 'Photosynthesis for future energy', which is being guest edited by Associate Editor Jon Nield, Toshi Nagata and Suleyman Alakherdiev.

We are also pleased to be publishing in this January issue the latest 2008 UNEP progress report on environmental effects of ozone depletion and its interactions with climate change.

Sponsored lecture

Last year we had the first *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* sponsored lecture

at the XXIInd IUPAC Symposium on Photochemistry in Gothenburg, Sweden at the end of July. The Journal sponsored the lecture given by Professor Stefan W. Hell titled 'Far-field fluorescence nanoscopy'. The Journal was very honoured to sponsor this lecture, and look forward to sponsoring another lecture this year; details will be announced later in the year.

Editorial Board change

At the end of 2008 Professor Pill-Soon Song retired from his position as the Journal's Editor-in-Asia. On behalf of the Ownership Board we would like to express our thanks to Pill for all of his work and dedication to the Journal over the years and acknowledge the valuable role he has played in raising the profile of *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* in Asia.

Greater impact

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The impact of *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* could not be achieved without the dedication and support of the strong team of Associate Editors whom we would like to thank for their continued contribution to the Journal. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the referees who have reviewed papers for *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* over the last year, helping to maintain the high standards of the manuscripts published in the Journal.

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practicing scientists and science teachers will engage in a week-long festival for the chemical sciences. Please get in touch with us (food@rsc.org) if you would like to be involved.

New journals

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We wish you all a successful 2009 and look forward to your continued support of *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences*.

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