

Welcome to the 2011 volume of *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences*

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Ownership and Editorial Boards

During 2010 there have been a number of changes to the *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* Ownership Board. Dimitra Markovitsi and Sandra Monti have left the Ownership Board and we would like to thank them for their input into the journal during their time on the Ownership Board. We are pleased that Sandra will continue in her position as an Associate Editor for *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences*. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Eric Vauthey and Werner Nau onto the Ownership Board and we welcome their ideas for the development of the journal. We are also pleased to formally welcome Cornelia Bohne, who joined the Editorial Board of the journal during the middle of the year.

Themed issues

During 2010 there have been six *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* themed issues, which showcase the best science in a wide range of subjects. To produce a themed issue takes a considerable amount of effort from the individual guest editors and we would like to thank all of our guest editors for their dedication in producing excellent themed issues this year:

Dario Bassani, Johan Hofkens and Jean Luc Pozzo for the issue on photoswitches & photochromism;

Santi Nonell, Evelyne Sage, Vivienne Reeve, Brian Diffey and Nadim Shaath for the very timely issue on sunscreens & photoprotection;

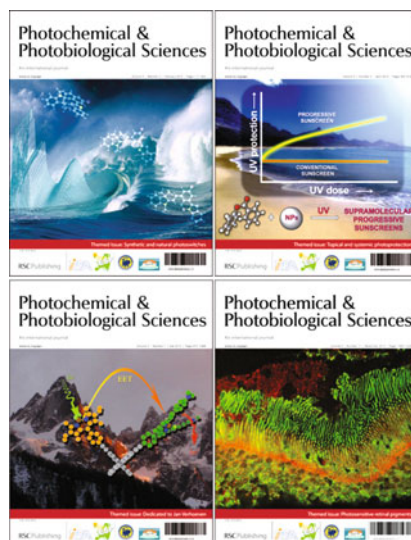
Anthony Harriman for preparing the issue dedicated to Jan Verhoeven;

Aba Losi, Cristiano Viappiani and Santi Nonell for the issue on photofunctional

proteins: from understanding to engineering;

the issue on photosensitive retinal pigments by Rosalie Crouch and Yoshinori Shichida;

and Angelo Albini prepared a themed issue from the IUPAC satellite meeting on photosciences looking to the future.



We also have a number of strong themed issues planned for this year and there will be more information about these in the PPS Highlights newsletter which keeps readers up-to-date with journal developments.

Sponsored lecture

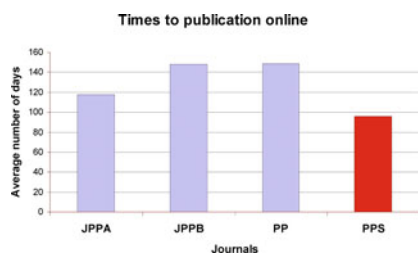
Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences was very pleased to sponsor the lecture given by Professor Luisa De Cola at the XXIII IUPAC Symposium on Photochemistry in Ferrara in July last year.



Professor De Cola has published some of her latest research in the journal, including a paper entitled Highly emissive metal–organic framework composites by host–guest chemistry, *Photochem. Photobiol. Sci.*, 2010, **9**, 846–853, DOI: 10.1039/c0pp00070a.

Fast publication times

A 2010 study of publication times shows that *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* is the fastest photoscience journal. With an average of 96 days from manuscript receipt to advanced on-line publication, *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* (PPS) is faster than its main competitors: *Photochemistry and Photobiology* (P&P), *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology A: Chemistry* (JPPA) and *Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology B: Biology* (JPPB). We would like to take this opportunity to thank our authors and referees for their hard work and help in making *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* the fastest journal publishing the latest developments in photochemistry and photobiology.



Impact of Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences

The release of the 2009 Journal Citation Reports® had good news for the journal, with the impact factor increasing by over 25% to 2.708, putting the journal above its closest competitors. We would like to thank all of our authors and referees for their contribution in achieving this increase in impact factor.

It was very pleasing to see that the RSC Publishing's average impact factor rose from 4.9 to 5.4, which is an impressive figure when compared with the average for a chemistry journal of 2.4.

Online developments

2010 saw a number of online developments for the journal, introduced to improve the customer service that the journal offers its authors and readers. During the last quarter of 2010 we introduced PDF versions of advance articles, presenting the first online version of an article in a convenient, printable format. We have also introduced a *Photochemical & Photobiological Sciences* blog, which is where you can read about the latest hot articles published in the journal, the most accessed articles and other journal news. To keep up to date, check the blog regularly, or sign up for the blog's RSS feeds (<https://blogs.rsc.org/pp>).

We wish you all a successful 2011.

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Editor-in-Chief, photochemistry

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News from RSC Publishing

2011 books

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