


## The Evolution of ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering


We begin 2020 at ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering (ACS SCE) celebrating a growing field. In 2019, ACS SCE once again published a record number of manuscripts (over 2100) and saw increases in citations and impact factor (now at 6.97). In the past year, we have also added new members to our editorial team. Four new Associate Editors added expertise in electrochemistry, bioelectrochemistry, fuel cells, homogeneous catalysis, flow chemistry, computational toxicology, and industrial ecology. The new editors are Jingwen Chen of Dalian University of Technology, King Kuok (Mimi) Hii of Imperial College London, Ryuhei Nakamura of RIKEN, and Lin Zhuang of Wuhan University. Paul Anastas, an innovator and a founder of our field, has also joined our editorial team. Paul serves as the Chair of our Editorial Advisory Board and will lead the engagement of the Board and the research community in expanding the editorial content of the journal beyond our current range of editorials dedicated to journal announcements and descriptions of our scope.


With this expanded team, ACS SCE will continue to serve as a forum for our authors and readers working in areas of (i) catalysts for sustainable chemical transformations, (ii) renewable materials, (iii) electrochemistry, photochemistry, and photoelectrochemistry for energy conversion, energy storage, and synthesis of value added chemicals, (iv) benign solvents, (v) biorenewable feedstocks in fuel and chemical manufacturing, (vi) sustainable chemical synthesis, (vii) design of sustainable chemical processes, (viii) industrial ecology and sustainable chemicals management, and (ix) the use of advanced nanomaterials for sustainable chemistry/engineering applications. ACS SCE remains committed to publishing advances at the frontiers of discovery in these areas, but as these research areas are rapidly evolving and advancing, the expectations for manuscripts will also evolve and advance. To help guide authors in understanding these changes, over the course of this year, the journal will publish editorials, authored by our editorial team, describing in more detail our scope and expectations in each of the major areas in which ACS SCE currently publishes research. Look for these editorials in the first issue of the journal each month.

ACS SCE is also committed to advancing our field into new arenas. The journal will seek to catalyze activity in new areas by publishing additional editorials that identify compelling new challenges in sustainability. This process will be a joint effort of our editorial team and our editorial advisors and will be led by Paul Anastas. While the first group of editorials will be authored by our editors and editorial advisors, our goal is to move toward inviting our community of authors and readers to directly contribute to this new activity.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and inquiries (email: [ACSSustainable@acs.org](mailto:ACSSustainable@acs.org)) and look forward to meeting many of you at future scientific meetings.

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