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Cover: Since the dawning of the new millennium, the unique properties and obscure behaviour exhibited by nanoparticles have captivated research scientists globally. Their versatility has led to an explosion of interest in nanoscience and recognition of its unlimited potential for innovation in modern society. See Gubala's review on page 10. Cover design: www.lab10.com.

As reported last year (see *CI* Nov 2016, p. 16), beginning in 2017, *CI* will be published in print format four times a year, ideally at the beginning of each quarter. Meanwhile, the *CI* Editorial Board is pleased to report that IUPAC members and *CI* subscribers will have access to new and updated content throughout the year via **Chemistry International: Digital First**, a new electronic version that is in the early stages of development.

The *CI* Editorial Board's vision is that the Digital First edition of *CI* will provide a preview of what is new since the last print edition was released—news, feature articles, project updates, book reviews—all of the *CI* sections with which you are familiar, plus additional digital-only content and features available exclusively to IUPAC members and *CI* subscribers. The least time-sensitive content, e.g. feature articles, book reviews, etc., will ultimately be compiled in the next print edition of *Chemistry International* and will serve as a sort of time capsule for reference.

This digital edition will be accessible to authorized users from the new IUPAC website, allowing IUPAC to stream news and provide timely and perhaps interactive commentary on global scientific issues as they occur and not within the constraints of print production and distribution. It will leverage the features and functionalities of the IUPAC website with which you are by now already familiar and will serve as your portal to the most current information. We are actively working with our publishing partner, De Gruyter, to ensure that there will be seamless “interaction” between their site and the IUPAC site so that authorized users will have access to the new content regardless of their entry point.

The *CI* Editorial Board is excited about *CI Digital First* and continues to meet monthly, not only to focus on the development of the new digital offering, but also to develop the *CI* content pipeline for 2017. Exciting issues are planned, including a special issue on Big Data that will coincide with a symposium on that topic that is being organized for the 2017 IUPAC World Congress in São Paulo, Brazil (www.iupac2017.org). We invite all of our members, Affiliates, National Adhering Organizations (NAOs), Associate National Adhering Organizations (ANAOs), Company Associates, and other Associated Organizations with which we share common goals, to consider the submission of articles that highlight issues you believe will be of interest to the global scientific community, including innovative activities, research developments, and challenges and concerns that you face in your specific geographic region. We are also open to proposals for articles from those outside the chemistry community who have an interest in chemistry and its applications and who are prepared to brief or challenge us with their different perspectives.

In closing, we want to note that *Chemistry International: Digital First* will remain a work in progress and will continue to evolve as we all gain experience in using it. There is a lot of work to be done as we move forward and progress reports will continue to appear in future editions of *CI*. Your comments and suggestions for features and on how *CI* can be used more effectively are most welcome.

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