

Publisher's note

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Happy Birthday *Green Processing and Synthesis*!

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This issue will mark the fifth anniversary of *Green Processing and Synthesis* (GPS). De Gruyter would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Volker Hessel, Editor-in-Chief, for these past 5 years of fine editorial work, establishing and guiding the journal successfully. We know that the growth and success of a journal is largely dependent on having a strong and capable editor, such as Professor Hessel, and recognize the contribution he makes in maintaining the position the journal enjoys in the scientific community. Of course, for many authors, readers and institutions there is one measure that matters above all others in evaluating a journal: the impact factor, as determined by Thomson Reuters (ISI). Looking back, it is very gratifying to see that we were successful in implementing an impact factor of 1.125 in 2015 although these days the market is saturated with journals and new digital scientific platforms. Moving on to new challenges GPS is committed to maximizing the impact and visibility of the exceptional research it publishes. It is also the journal's editorial board members and managing editors who are responsible for the day-to-day running of the journal and who ensure its exceptional standards are maintained. Therefore, we like to thank the entire editorial board, Jannelies Smit (Assistant Managing Editor) and Dr. Gunda Stöber (Managing Editor, De Gruyter) for their tireless work during the exciting journey of the past 5 years.

A fifth anniversary is a time of transition. Our journal is beginning to shift from the position of a new, struggling publication to a journal that has begun to solidify a reputation as a scholarly forum for genuine interdisciplinary scholarship among innovative and green process development and chemical synthesis from labs around the world. Articles range from Sustainable and Green Chemistry and Processing, Green Catalysis to White Biotechnology and Green Synthesis to name just some of many topics.

Anniversaries are also thresholds. Where will this threshold lead us? That will largely depend upon the contributions from our authors. Certainly, 2016 will be an

exciting year for GPS with a special issue on Research at Kunming University of Science and Technology, The International Conference on Green Chemistry and Sustainable Development, The European Process Intensification Conference in the frame of the 10th European Congress of Chemical Engineering and the 4th Asia-Pacific Chemical and Biological Microfluidics Conference besides exhibiting at many international conferences in the field.

In the current issue, we are pleased to publish some research highlights from Kunming University of Science and Technology. The major approach here is the application of alternative energies towards processing applications in mining and metallurgy. This includes the use of microwaves for drying and roasting of ores, use of ultrasound for leaching of components out of metallurgical dusts, and for creating high-surface substrates from renewable resources (e.g. for catalysts). We together with the Editor-in-Chief pass our special thanks to the guest editor Dr. Shaohua Ju of Kunming University of Science and Technology.

We are hoping that Professor Hessel, together with the editorial board and managing editors will remain with us for many years to come and would like to offer our congratulations on this anniversary – Happy Birthday *Green Processing and Synthesis*!



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