

Editorial

Not just reviews - now communications too!

The editorial office, with the support of our editorial advisory board, have decided that Laser & Photonics Reviews will now accept submissions of research communications.

Not long ago, the journal was founded to serve a certain need in the optics community, namely to “target carefully selected and stringently reviewed summaries of hot topics in *one* journal” [1]. Since then we published 187 review articles in various fields of high current interest, like plasmonics, laser crystals, nanophotonics, fiber lasers, biophotonics, photonic crystal fibers, nano- and micro fabrication, quantum information, optical communication and devices. The journal has since proven to be a valuable source of information and reference. Laser & Photonics Reviews is among the best optics journals worldwide and also ranks high (top 10) in the field of applied physics.

In the future we will continue to invite top scientists to summarize their area of research in the usual style, i. e. in a clear and readily comprehensive review article. But there is more we can do. Review articles by definition do not present the latest news and trends in the field. This can only be achieved by brief and rapidly published communications. Hence, we decided to open the journal for high quality research communications, i. e. original papers and letters, with immediate effect. Our aim is to present the latest and most relevant findings in the field of optics to our readers. We cordially invite all authors and readers to submit their top research work to Laser & Photonics Reviews via the usual online submission system (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/lpr>). We have not set any goal as to how many articles we want to publish as communications. Only the best papers will be considered for publication and a strict peer-review will ensure that our journal keeps its position among the most renowned optics journals. The only criteria we have is scientific excellence. The next issues will still be dominated by invited review articles with more and more communications adding up over

time. Until the end of 2012 the journal will be published six times a year, while all accepted articles will be published in advance as online articles in our *Wiley Online Library* “Early View” section. Regular articles and letters will be added to the next available print issue.

Due to this policy change we expect a higher submission rate than in the past. To better serve our authors we have invited some more top scientists to support us as editorial advisors. In this issue we welcome Sune Svanberg (Lund), Luc Thévenaz (Lausanne), Philippe Lalanne (Maroussis, Paris), and Niek van Hulst (Barcelona) as new board members. With their help the journal can strengthen its expertise in growing fields such as nanophotonics, biophotonics, and optical fibers. At this point we would like to thank again all members of our editorial advisory board for their support and enthusiasm. Our in-house editorial team has been expanded as well. Hakim Meskine started as editor for the journal, thus strengthening our in-house editorial capacities.

We hope that you as reader and author welcome the presented changes and take part in Laser & Photonics Reviews as we embark on this new route. The editors and editorial advisory board members would consider it a personal honor and pleasure to welcome you as author. Let us jointly shape a journal that keeps you at the cutting-edge of today’s top research.

We look forward to your submission!

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