

First Impact Factor for *ACS Catalysis* – 5.265

In June, *ACS Catalysis* received its first impact factor (IF), a statistic that relates the frequency at which papers published in the journal for a 2 year period have been cited in a single calendar year. For the 2012 IF, which was released this year, the number relates the number of citations in 2012 to papers published in 2010 and 2011. Because *ACS Catalysis* first published issues in 2011, the first IF for the journal considered papers published only in 2011. In contrast, the IF for all older journals considered 2 years of publications. Because of this difference, journals often achieve a substantial positive change in the IF between years 1 and 2, after which more subtle changes typically occur from year to year. The 2012 *ACS Catalysis* IF is 5.265.

This IF is competitive with those of the most-cited catalysis-focused journals, establishing *ACS Catalysis* among the top echelon of catalysis-focused publications with regard to citations. While the IF should not be used as a surrogate for the overall quality of the journal, it can be used to compare, within a specific field, how often papers in the journal are read and or cited by the scientific community relative to its peer group. In this regard, we are very pleased with the first IF for *ACS Catalysis*, as it demonstrates that the journal has quickly become an important new asset to the global catalysis community.

The early success of *ACS Catalysis* is a reflection of the health of the broader catalysis community. Indeed, catalysis is a vibrant field globally, and *ACS Catalysis* has sought to embrace and represent the full breadth of catalysis, rather than focus on specific subdisciplines. So long as the work is of very high technical quality and has important elements of novelty (thus, not being routine or incremental), *ACS Catalysis* is an appropriate place for work on any type of catalysis.

The journal is thus indebted to the catalysis community, and I sincerely thank our authors, referees, and readers, who have helped to quickly establish *ACS Catalysis* as a top journal in the field.

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