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Preface

Editorial

This issue of Catalysis Today marks the end of Julian Ross's tenure as Editor-in-Chief. Beginning with his editorship of Applied Catalysis, Julian has provided consistent leadership to journals that we depend on for scientific information and guidance in our research, including Catalysis Today. The concept of a journal that relies entirely on a series of Guest Editors for each issue was something of a risk when first conceived. The success of Catalysis Today, with an impact factor that has doubled from 1.76 to 3.53 under his guidance, can be directly attributed to Julian's efforts. Having worked with him over the last 16 years, I have seen personally the attention he devoted to this journal, often responding to emails when others are sleeping. His work has paid off.

As the new Editor-in-Chief of Catalysis Today, I inherit a journal with a healthy content backlog and a high level of interest, which is shown by the increasing requests we receive from our colleagues to publish specific issues. Although Catalysis Today publishes primar-

ily papers from conferences, we will continue to solicit single-topic monographs and reviews.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the enthusiasm and initiative of Miguel Banares and Yongdan Li, who have recently assumed the responsibilities of Associate Editors. With colleagues like these, we can hardly help being successful.

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