

Organic Letters Update

Organic Letters continues to publish exceptional work in all areas of organic chemistry, publishing new, exciting research results online in less than 5 weeks after submission. In 2016, work from our authors was highlighted in *Chemical & Engineering News* and was selected for recognition as **ACS Editors' Choice**, describing new fluorinating agents, a 60 min total synthesis of an antiviral drug, a diterpene scaffold that inhibits methicillin-resistant staph biofilms, and many more! Clearly *Organic Letters* remains "exactly where you want to be", especially as our impact factor rose to its all-time high of 6.732 in June 2016.

In 2017, we welcome six new Editorial Advisory Board Members, Geraldine Masson, David Nicewicz, Jennifer Schomaker, Mikiko Sodeoka, Raghavan Sunoj, and Qiu Wang, who bring new expertise and ideas to the journal. Many thanks to our colleagues who have ended their service on the Editorial Advisory Board, Bob Bergman, Ron Breslow, Maurice Brookhart, Jean-Marie Lehn, Frank Mallory, K. C. Nicolaou, Ryoji Noyori, George Olah, Barry Sharpless, and Gilbert Stork: your contributions to *Organic Letters* are greatly appreciated. And speaking of board members, I was thrilled to see former Associate Editor and *current* Editorial Advisory Board Member Professor J. Fraser Stoddart recognized with the 2016 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his outstanding work on rotaxanes, a well-deserved honor.



Figure 1. Bruce Lipshutz and Amos Smith at the Fall ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.

In other news, the 2016 *Organic Letters* Outstanding Publication of the Year Award was received by Bruce Lipshutz, University of California, Santa Barbara for his letter entitled "Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution Reactions in Water Enabled by Micellar Catalysis" (DOI [10.1021/acs.orglett.5b02240](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.orglett.5b02240)). Bruce presented his research in a session at the Fall ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia and was joined by *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* Outstanding Publication

Awardee Jeffrey Johnson and a stellar group of researchers (Figures 1 and 2).



Figure 2. Dale Poulter, Jeffrey Johnson, Sarah Reisman, Liz Jarvo, Bruce Lipshutz, Dean Tantillo, and Jimmie Weaver at the Fall ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.

Organic Letters continues to extend its global presence, with >75% of the published content originating outside the US. Authors in China, the US, Japan, and Germany are the most prolific. *Organic Letters* is also pleased to note that we have sponsored a number of international conferences in Australia, India, Spain, and the US in 2016. For 2017, *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* under the leadership of Scott Miller, the new Editor-in-Chief, and *Organic Letters* are currently planning an ACS Publications Symposium at the Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (SIOC) in Shanghai, China, October 22–24, 2017, with the theme Innovation in Molecular Synthesis. *Organic Letters* and *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* are the lead organizers and sponsors for the meeting, and we hope to see many of you there!

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