

Dear Colleague,

We write to bring to your attention the continued rise in the impact of **Applied Catalysis B: Environmental**, as reflected in the just released 2008 *Impact Factor of 4.853*, a number that has been rising steadily over the years. Applied Catalysis B ranks first in the **Environmental Engineering** category of journals listed by Thomson Reuters. The Journal also ranks 3 out of 116 journals in the category of **Chemical Engineering**.

We want to thank you for your role as an author, reviewer or simply a frequent reader and user of the journal, a role that has been essential to its success. The nature of Applied Catalysis B: Environmental remains the same as envisioned by its founding Editor, Prof. Bernard Delmon, namely, a catalysis journal dedicated to publishing rigorous articles in the areas of environmental catalysis which also impact the practice and application of the reported catalysts for the betterment of the environment. In recent years, the scope has been expanded to include among others, catalysts for clean energy technologies, especially fuel cells and fuel processing; green fuels and advanced treatment of bio-derived fuels, in addition to the traditional automotive and diesel engine exhaust catalysts. The contribution of photocatalysis and electrocatalysis has grown to address new issues in the areas of renewable energy production, in addition to the traditional air pollution abatement and effluent treatment technologies. At the same time, the annual volume of submitted manuscripts has grown considerably over recent years, reaching over one thousand in 2008.

We welcome this growth and pledge to continue to select papers that meet the objectives of Applied Catalysis B, a major one being to bring to its readership novel work of the highest scientific quality. We also hope to have you partner with us in this effort as authors and reviewers.

Please feel free to send us your feedback at any time in this process.

Sincerely,

The Editors

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