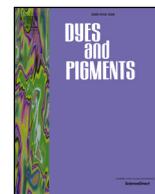




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## Editorial

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The chemistry and application of colorants of all classes continues to attract significant attention from the academic community and commercial organisations. Perhaps one reason to account for such intensity of activity is the diverse range of applications that rely upon molecules which absorb or emit electromagnetic radiation; here we can think of the traditional application of colorants for purely aesthetic reasons to modern, often functional, colorants which are relied upon for applications such as observing nature at a sub-cellular level, curing diseases, detecting all manner of small molecules to mimics of neurons and application of coloured molecules for inducing molecular motions which have been harnessed in ‘nano-machines’. Some of the foregoing activities have recently gained new distinction with the award of Nobel Prizes in chemistry to Jean-Pierre Sauvage, Sir J. Fraser Stoddart and Bernard (Ben) L. Feringa “for the design and synthesis of molecular machines” (2016) and to Eric Betzig, Stefan W. Hell and William E. Moerner “for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy” (2014). A notable omission from the preceding applications of colorants is their use in dye sensitized solar cells and low energy emissive devices; important areas which serve to minimize pollution and preserve precious resources for future generations. Perhaps activity in these areas will be acknowledged in the not too distant future by prestigious awards.

Given the significance and diversity of colorants and the substantial number of outputs which are published each year in this domain we have, at *Dyes & Pigments*, elected to revise and expand our editorial team. We are pleased to present our new editorial structure with the following editors who are ‘colour’ specialists of international repute:

**Executive Editors:** Professor Juyoung Yoon (Ewha Womans University, Seoul) and Professor Xiang Ma (East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST), Shanghai) who bring expertise in the broad area of sensors and in modern material applications of colorants, respectively.

**Associate Editors:** Dr Sylvain Achelle (IUT Lannion, Université de Rennes I), Professor Karen de Clerck (Universiteit Gent), Professor Carlos Lodeiro (University NOVA of Lisbon), Professor Mark Van der Auweraer (KU Leuven) collectively provide expertise in the areas of OLEDs, PHOLEDs, solar cells, photovoltaics, chromophores, non-linear optics, colorants, fibres, textiles, sensors, analytical chemistry, luminescence, molecular imaging and photonics.

In connection with the reorganization of our editorial structure we wish to extend our thanks to Professor He Tian (ECUST, Shanghai) who has stepped down from regular editorial duties after 11 years with the journal and now joins Professor Stephen M Burkinshaw and Dr Arnold T Peters as one of our **Honorary Editors**.

Finally, as a consequence of the recent restructure and in accord with previous editorial announcements aimed at streamlining the manuscript submission and editorial handling process, we have revised our acceptance criteria and from this publication date we will no longer consider manuscripts concerning predominantly inorganic colorants in the areas of inorganic ‘cool’ pigments, inorganic luminophores and inorganic pigments/glazes for ceramics.

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