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Editorial

*‘Accelerated Publication’—
a New Initiative*

We wish to announce a new initiative to upgrade and enhance our ‘Accelerated Publication’ scheme. The aim is to provide an even faster and more effective vehicle for publishing key research papers on solar cells and modules.

After 12 years of publication and a ‘quarter-centenary’ (25 issues) of *Solar Cell Efficiency Tables*, we believe that *Progress in Photovoltaics* is well established as the premier international journal for Photovoltaics. We have already been delighted to publish a number of papers describing ‘world-record’ solar cell results. The new initiative is designed to consolidate PIP as the natural home for such key papers, the acknowledged first ‘port of call’ for authors seeking rapid publication while accepting that their work will be subject to rigorous peer-review.

The main features of the initiative are:

- Appointment of a Review Team of about 30 solar cell experts from institutes and research departments in about 8 countries covering all the main solar cell technologies.
- Manuscript submission to the Managing Editor (paul.lynn@btconnect.com) by e-mail (Word document).
- The manuscript must be suitable for a Short Communication of not more than 6 journal pages.
- If the manuscript is not acknowledged within 1 week, the author to forward it by e-mail to other members of the Review Team who will instead organise the reviews. According to the technology involved, these are as follows:

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- Any necessary manuscript revision, and resubmission by e-mail, within 1 week of receipt of reviews.
- A manuscript not accepted for ‘Accelerated Publication’ may instead be offered normal publication.

The above timetable implies a maximum of 3 weeks between manuscript submission and acceptance. Often, it will be less. Our publisher, Wiley UK, agrees to fast-track accepted manuscripts, including on-line publication by ‘Early-View’ prior to the print version. Accepted papers will always appear in the next-available issue of

the journal. We believe that this initiative will appeal to authors and readers alike, and will enhance the journal's reputation for fast publication of key research results.

We must emphasise that 'Accelerated Publication' is aimed at key research papers on solar cells and modules which are of the highest quality and topicality.

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