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In 2015, *Analytical Chemistry* will receive many thousands of submissions and will publish more than 1500 manuscripts. How can I, as one individual, read all of these submissions and make decisions on their suitability for publication? The obvious answer is that I certainly cannot do this alone.


So how are the submissions handled? One of my major jobs is to examine the manuscripts and then assign them to one of our expert associate editors. *Analytical Chemistry* has an amazingly talented editorial team, comprised of a group of outstanding scientists who manage their own research efforts and many other responsibilities and yet still devote a portion of their limited remaining time to serve the journal and our field. For most authors, the Associate Editors are the point of contact with the journal. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all that they do for the journal and highlight several changes to our team for 2015.

As the number of manuscript submissions to *Analytical Chemistry* continue to increase, so does the size of our editorial team. In 2015, Gert Desmet, from Vrije Universiteit Brussels, and Cynthia Larive, from the University of California Riverside, have become editors. Welcome! We now have a team of 17 editors that geographically represent much of the world, with scientific interests that encompass most of the subfields of analytical chemistry.

At the end of 2015, another milestone will be reached as Catherine Fenselau steps down as an Associate Editor after an amazing 25 years working with *Analytical Chemistry*, including serving more recently as our Reviews Editor. She is our longest serving Associate Editor in our journal's history, with her tenure covering 90% of the period our journal has had Associate Editors. She has greatly shaped our journal as it transitioned from print to a Web-based, worldwide journal. Her service and efforts on behalf of our field have been fantastic and are much appreciated.

As a bit of history, while *Analytical Chemistry* has been publishing articles since the 1920s, Associate Editors were not added until 1986. In 1986 and 1987, we had a changing team of original Associate Editors that included Fred Lytle, Klaus Biemann, Georges Guichon, Theodore Kuwana, Robert Osteryoung, and John A. Smith. While I, and perhaps many of you, may be familiar with most of these luminaries in the field of analytical chemistry, it took another former Associate Editor, Ed Yeung, to identify John Smith of Harvard Medical School. John Smith was in charge of the biotechnology manuscripts submitted to *Analytical Chemistry*. Even in the 1980s, the journal was interdisciplinary and actively soliciting manuscripts outside mainstream analytical chemistry.

Let me end by again acknowledging the individuals who have contributed to the success of *Analytical Chemistry*—our past and present Associate Editors.



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