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2020 marks the fifth year in which *ACS Omega* has published high-quality content that describes new findings in chemistry and interfacing areas of science, without any perceived evaluation of immediate impact. Since January, all front covers and much of our marketing material have included a badge commemorating this significant milestone.

For us—the Editors, the journal, and the staff at ACS Publications—time seems to have passed remarkably quickly since we first set out on this mission to provide a fully open-access platform to disseminate technically sound research that advances the frontiers of science through original ideas. The journal has come a long way since the first issue in volume 1 was released in July 2016, and the quality of the work published throughout this time has been consistently high. Starting with the publication of research articles only, we then added “Perspective” and “Mini-Review” manuscript types to allow exposure of recent trends in a wide variety of areas, thus broadening the scope and appeal of the journal. The year-on-year increase in submissions and published output reflects the progress the journal has made. *ACS Omega* has published over 7000 articles from researchers based in 98 different countries. We received our latest impact factor of 2.87 this summer and earned 10 646 citations in 2019 (Journal Citation Reports, Clarivate), another indicator of the progress the journal has made in a short space of time. We have our Editors (both past and present), our dedicated ACS staff, our reviewers, our authors, and our readership to thank for the vital contributions they have made to the success of the journal.

To mark this occasion, we are showcasing the quality and diversity of work published in our journal with the creation of this special collection. The virtual issue highlights contributions from our geographic and research-topic-diverse Editorial Board, prolific authors, a selection of highly accessed and cited articles, and others that have gained the attention of the wider world. An incredibly wide range of fields in chemistry and other interfacing areas are represented in these 50 selected articles, demonstrating the broad scope of the journal and its accessibility for a global audience.

Since its launch, *ACS Omega* has become a trusted platform for high-quality research, and the future looks bright for our open-access journal in a changing publishing landscape. We strive to continue to emphasize the vital role that chemistry and its allied disciplines play in advancing our scientific understanding and in seeking solutions to the myriad of challenges we face in an increasingly interconnected world. *ACS Omega* plays a central role in serving the core chemical sciences and bridging to other disciplines, and we look forward to the continued growth and success of the journal in the years to come.

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