

## EDITORIAL

# Changes to the journal

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It is a privilege to be Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Optics* at this exciting time when the use of light spearheads the development of new technologies in telecommunications, green energy, manufacturing, medicine and defence, just to mention a few. These technological advances, seen by many as the next photonic technological revolution, are underpinned by fundamental and applied research in the following key directions:

- Nanophotonics and plasmonics
- Metamaterials and structured photonic materials
- Nonlinear and ultrafast optics
- Photonics at the life science interface
- Information and communication optics
- Integrated optics systems and devices
- Material processing with light
- Propagation, diffraction and scattering

This is where *Journal of Optics* focuses its attention.

This editorial marks the first issue of the journal published under the abbreviated name (shortened from *Journal of Optics A: Pure and Applied Optics*). The name change is just one of a series of changes introduced in the last year, along with the 8 subject sections listed above and the appointment of Section Editors. With the name change, we will also update the look of the journal by introducing colour cover images which will feature some of the most exciting research in the journal.

We have retained many of the journal's original selling points: we are found in thousands of libraries around the world, and will continue our policy of free web access to all papers for 30 days after publication, ensuring broad and unrestricted dissemination of your research results. We will also continue our strong and well respected special issue and topical review programmes and we are always grateful to receive new suggestions for special issues or review articles.

Along with the Editorial Board, I would like to thank the authors, referees and readers who have contributed to the success of *Journal of Optics*. The increasing quality and visibility of the journal, as demonstrated by the dramatic increase in its impact factor in recent years, make it a prime destination for research papers across the field of optics.

So, if you're not already part of our community, we hope you'll join us soon by submitting your next research paper to *Journal of Optics*.