

ACS Catalysis in the Time of COVID-19

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It is as if the world we all know was placed on pause recently, and we have been ushered into a new reality that we are struggling to learn and comprehend. Previously confined to an epidemic facing our community members in China, COVID-19 has now triggered lockdowns all over the world, as a global pandemic unfolds. As each person retreats to his or her home focused on the health and well-being of their family, friends, and community, many are simultaneously faced with a desire to continue with one's work, pushing science forward, especially knowing that science and medicine is ultimately what will save humanity from this crisis.

ACS Catalysis continues to publish the latest work in catalysis, as the global catalysis community endures and comes together to advance catalysis science. Submissions continue to flow to the journal, and our editors and referees carry on doing their jobs adjudicating each submission. At *ACS Catalysis*, one-third of our editors work and live in the hard-hit regions of China, South Korea, Italy, and Spain. Yet they still diligently process the community's manuscript submissions, so long as they are able. Behind the scenes in places like Serbia, India, England, China, and in various places across the United States, a cadre of publishing professionals continue to come together to perform all the steps necessary to take a new submission from an author's desk and shepherd it over the wall to a finished, published article. Like all communities in a time of crisis, we pull together to help each person move forward in their endeavors, and we will continue to do so as long as we are able.


For researchers who are fortunate to only be confined to their homes, with few or no additional complications, I remind you that *ACS Catalysis* provides a wealth of worthwhile reading. Virtually every scientist I know feels like they are perpetually behind in their reading of the scientific literature. Well, there may never be a more convenient time to catch up on one's reading of the literature! In reaching our 10th year of publication, *ACS Catalysis* has cumulatively published over 65 000 pages of advances in catalysis science, so there exists a large, excellent pool from which to draw new inspiration. Indeed, in our times of "social distancing," I note that history suggests that some of the best and most impactful science can be inspired and/or discovered amidst these unique circumstances.¹

Speaking of history, *ACS Catalysis* publishes a unique article type called Accounts focused on top scientists' careers in catalysis. If learning about the recent history of catalysis is of interest, I suggest you read one or more of our Account articles.^{2–11} Accounts in *ACS Catalysis* are reviews of a prominent catalysis researcher's scientific contributions, often

published to mark the researcher's retirement or other notable event/anniversary.

As we all cope with the isolation of social distancing and home lockdowns, remember that you are a part of the global catalysis community and that the isolation is only temporary. Undoubtedly, this health crisis will result in the loss of members of our community, and this will make it ever more important that each of us who endures is prepared to contribute to the furthering of catalysis science when we are able to return to our research and scholarship. In the meantime, we have 65 000+ pages of reading to suggest!

Offering my warmest wishes for good physical and mental health to all members of our global catalysis community.

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