

## Editorial

It is accidental, but interesting to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chinese Optics Letters (COL) after revival from the “most important” day in 2012, December 21, which is closely related to Mayan calendar. The last decade sees the development of optics in China and around the world, and Nobel Prize awarded to scientists for their excellent work in fiber optics, quantum optics, etc. Up to now, most research results are still published in journals, and COL has been trying to publish the most excellent papers for authors and readers.

Here, we would like to share with you some milestones in the 10 years’ development of COL, and what we have been pursuing is to build a distinguished journal. The first issue of COL was co-published by Shanghai Institute of Optics and Fine Mechanics, Chinese Optical Society, and the Optical Society (OSA) in January 2003; COL has been archived in Optics InfoBase of OSA since 2005, and now it has been traced back to the first issue; COL has been collected by Science Citation Index-Expanded since 2007, and the latest impact factor is 0.967; topical editors were introduced to manage the peer review process of manuscripts in 2010; the first joint issue by COL and Applied Optics was published in 2011; COL received the first 1000 submissions in 2011; ScholarOne system was introduced to promote the peer review in 2012; the style of cover page of COL is renewed and a cover picture is introduced to promote excellent papers in 2013.

With your continuous support, COL has a healthy growth over the past 10 years. In 2012, COL received 1016 submissions and published 277 papers after strict selection. Meanwhile, COL has always been trying to give authors timely, constructive and valuable responses for their submissions, and now an average acceptance period of 50 days (from submission to acceptance) has been achieved. You can frequently see must-read achievements reported in COL, e.g., the former OSA president Professor Joseph Eberly, Professor See-Leang Chin of Laval University, Canada, and other top scientists’ papers in this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue. You could feel that COL is getting better and better, and it is becoming more and more important not to miss the cutting-edge publications in COL.

Last but not least, we would like to show our sincere appreciation to authors who submit their excellent research results to COL, scientists who do volunteer peer review for COL, and readers who read and cite articles in COL.

We hope you will always be happy to read COL in the next 10 years.

Thank you!

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