

Editorial

Preface: 50th American Society for Photobiology Anniversary Issue[†]

This special issue celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the American Society for Photobiology (ASP). We are delighted to mark ASP's 50th year with 57 contributions (1 correspondence, 17 review articles, 32 research articles, and 7 highlight articles). This special issue consists of contributions by photo scientists located around the world, including Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Panamá, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States.

We happily reflect on our 50th anniversary with this special issue, as it is a remarkable milestone. ASP's beginnings in 1972 were due to the efforts of founding ASP President Kendric C. Smith. Dr. Smith has written on the origin of ASP and described the evolution of our Society, its journey toward becoming an international photobiology society, and especially its Journal.

To spotlight our society's unique accomplishments, we strove to collect papers with broad and high-quality coverage to match ASP's areas of interest (Fig. 1). ASP provides support for many



Figure 1. A graphical image of several of the main areas of ASP, including photochemistry, photosensory biology, photosynthesis, photomedicine, and environmental photobiology.

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disciplines, covering a broad range of photobiology/photochemistry topics, including bioluminescence, clinical applications of photobiology, fluorescence, environmental photobiology, imaging, lasers, nonvisual photoreception, photochemistry, photoconversion, photodynamic therapy, photomedicine, photomorphogenesis, photomovement, photophysics, photosensitization, photosynthesis, phototechnology, photothermal therapy, spectroscopy, UV radiation photobiology, and vision. Our rich half-century of history gives us inspiration toward realizing an enlightening future.

With 50 years in the books, it is tempting to think about how the ASP will evolve, as we progress to ASP's 100th year

anniversary. We believe that ASP will play a key ongoing role in leading photobiology, while also contributing to all branches of photoscience. We are highly optimistic about the future of the American Society for Photobiology.

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