

Editorial New Talent: Asia-Pacific Themed issue, *Dalton Transactions*

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The *Dalton Transactions* regional ‘New Talent’ series was launched in 2011 to provide a platform to highlight the skills and interests of emerging investigators from across the globe. With a regional focus, each issue has served to draw attention to a diverse group of ‘Generation Next’ and showcase the breadth of work being undertaken by our future academic leaders. Following previous collections in the cycle drawn from authors across Asia and the Asia-Pacific,^{1,2} the Americas and U.S. National Laboratories,^{3,4} and Europe^{5,6} this latest issue returns focus to young authors from the Asia-Pacific region.

In seeking to draw the issue together we set out a series of broad goals and ambitions. Primarily, this issue was about providing an opportunity for new investigators, loosely defined as those within 10 years of the start of their independent research careers, to showcase their talent. Recognising the multidisciplinary approaches adopted in modern chemical research and the breaking down of traditional barriers within the discipline, this issue sought to focus on the emerging talent in *all* areas of inorganic and organometallic chemistry, interpreted broadly, so as to include a broad spectrum of activity from biological inorganic chemistry through to solid-state inorganic chemistry. The growth in inorganic chemistry across India and China is evident from the contributions from these countries, whilst the diversity of topics reflects the strength and vitality of inorganic chemistry in the entire Asia-Pacific region.

The commitment shown by Andrew Shore and the Editorial Board of *Dalton Transactions* to establish, maintain and promote the ‘New Talent’ initiative is to be applauded. We thank the outstanding authors who have made the effort to submit the results of their work to make this thematic issue possible. However, our final words must be those of thanks to the journal staff who labor behind the scenes to make it all happen, and keep the Guest Editors on their toes. We gratefully acknowledge the sterling support we have received from Michelle Canning, Caroline Knapp and Helen Lunn in bringing this project to fruition. We hope that you, the reader, will enjoy the showcase of chemical talent that is displayed within the pages of this collection, and join with us in wishing the authors every success in their careers.

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