

Your technological advances belong here

The *Molecular & Cellular Proteomics* editorial leadership team gathered over the summer to discuss the journal's plans for the new year. At that strategy session, we determined it is necessary to re-establish that MCP is where your technological advances belong, and we have made other policy changes about which you should be aware.

Our existing policy on technological advances states: "MCP publishes papers based on original research that are judged, after editorial review, to make a substantial contribution to the understanding of any area of proteomics." To be clear: this means that MCP is the home for papers describing new, impactful technologies.

Manuscripts describing these technologies do NOT have to include a solution to a biological problem, but they must demonstrate that the technology works as described and is reproducible. The use of relevant model systems (cell lines, etc.) are acceptable in establishing proof of principle.

A partial list of technologies we are particularly interested in include: automation of sample preparation protocols; sample handling and improving sensitivity; separation and/or enrichment methods; micro-scaling approaches; new selective chemistries/reagents (e.g., higher multiplex); targeted protein

identification and quantitation methods; methods involving analysis of intact proteins and their heterogeneity; ion mobility advances; bioinformatic algorithms and software for data analysis and integration; new chemical crosslinking methods; targeted MS and DIA, etc.

In addition, we're pleased to announce:

- We're doing away with charges for color figures in 2018.
- We'll be working more closely with authors to achieve clarity in titles and abstracts.
- We'll be instituting graphical abstracts, bulleted highlights and "In Brief" summaries.
- We'll be working to reduce our turnaround time to under four weeks from submission to first decision.
- We'll be recruiting early-career researchers to participate in our peer-review process.

The MCP editorial team is dedicated to improving the author experience. One team member, Dr. Saddiq Zahari, deserves special recognition. He has helped streamline journal processes and has been attentive to authors' needs. We thank him for his contributions to making submitting to MCP a better experience.

—Al Burlingame, Steve Carr and Anne-Claude Gingras