Gladysz Named Editor-in-Chief of Prestigious Chemistry Journal

COLLEGE STATION -- Dr. John Gladysz, distinguished professor of chemistry and holder of the Dow Chair in Chemical Invention at Texas A&M University, has been selected as the new editor-in-chief of the American Chemical Society's peer-reviewed journal *Organometallics*, the nation's top journal for this interdisciplinary branch of organic and inorganic chemistry in which metals are mixed with carbon to create novel molecules.

By virtue of the appointment, effective May 1, 2010, Gladysz -- whose world-renowned research focuses on organometallics -- becomes only the second editor-in-chief in *Organometallics* history. He succeeds Dr. Dietmar Seyferth of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who founded the publication in 1982.

Gladysz's new position as editor-in-chief was made official in March during the 239th American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., where Gladysz was chosen by a search committee out of approximately 60 other prospective editors. He brings with him to *Organometallics* 26 previous years of experience, having served since 1984 as associate editor of *Chemical Reviews*, one of the most highly regarded journals in the general field of chemistry, as well as a set of goals he hopes will increase the journal's impact factor -- a rating that compares the journal's published articles with how often they are cited in the following few years.

"Anyone can see that journals are proliferating; there are more every year, increasing competition for the best science," Gladysz explains. "It's important to treat your authors well, with good input and fast input. Mentoring younger authors also pays many dividends."

As editor-in-chief, Gladysz will oversee the peer review of manuscripts -- more than 1,200 submissions per year -- sent to him by researchers, distributing them to reviewers and experts charged with evaluating the article's information and the caliber of the experiments documented therein. In addition, he will lead a team of associate editors who will assist him in this process, as well as spearhead marketing and promotional campaigns for the journal and its contents.

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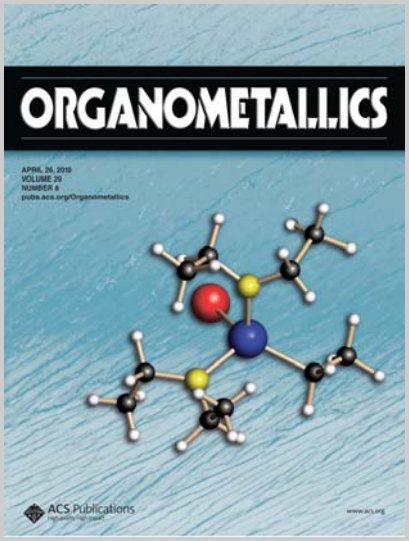

"One of the objectives is to treat your author community well but at the same time to promote and to raise standards for publications," he says. "Of course, you're always looking for that big breakthrough article. There have been lots of Nobel Prize-winning works associated with *Organometallics*."

Organometallics is considered to be the premier publication for the interface of organic and inorganic chemistry. The bi-monthly journal publishes nearly 8,000 pages a year and is one of 42 journals in the ACS portfolio. For more information on *Organometallics*, visit http://pubs.acs.org/journal/orgnd7.

Gladysz has been a member of the Texas A&M faculty since 2007. Previously he spent 10 years at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, where he held the Chair of Organic Chemistry, and had faculty positions at the University of Utah (1982-98) and UCLA (1974-82). Gladysz's research covers a broad spectrum of fields and industries, including nanotechnology, organic synthesis and enantioselective reactions. His work has been described in more than 400 widely-cited publications and earned him international acclaim, most notably an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Award for Senior Scientists (1995). He also has received the ACS's Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award (1988) and Award in Organometallic Chemistry (1994). A longtime member of the ACS, The Chemical Society and the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, Gladysz is a past Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellow (1980-84) and Camille and Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Grant recipient (1980-85).

To learn more about Gladysz, his teaching and research, or his professional service, visit http://www.chem.tamu.edu/faculty/gladysz.

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