

2017 ACES & GDCh Symposium: Functional Nanomaterials

On July 27, 2017, the Asian Chemical Editorial Society (ACES) and the German Chemical Society (GDCh) will host the first [ACES & GDCh symposium](#) at the biannual [Asian Chemical Congress](#) (ACC) in Melbourne, Australia, which will take place as part of the centenary celebrations of the [Royal Australian Chemical Institute](#) (RACI), an ACES partner. Speakers at the high-level one-day symposium, which will focus on functional nanomaterials, are this year's Ryoji Noyori ACES award winner Chi-Ming Che, University of Hong Kong; Susumu Kitagawa, University of Kyoto; Frank Caruso, University of Melbourne; Bin Liu, National University of Singapore; and Markus Antonietti, Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, who will hold the GDCh lecture. The symposium is designed to deepen relationships and foster collaboration between chemists across Asia, Germany, and beyond. The biannual Noyori ACES award recognizes a top scientist who has made outstanding contributions to the development of chemistry in general and of the ACES journals in particular. It has been initiated by the ACES partners to honor Professor Noyori's instrumental role in nurturing the collaborative ACES spirit in the early days of the organization and as the founding chairman of the Editorial Board of *Chemistry - An Asian Journal*.

The [Asian Chemical Editorial Society](#) comprises thirteen chemical societies from across Asia and the Pacific who coordinate their publishing activities and foster international cooperation. ACES supports scientific collaboration, which highlights the advantages of exchange and mutual enrichment and helps to break down barriers to the free flow of ideas. It was founded at the 2005 IUPAC Congress in Beijing by the Chinese Chemical Society, the Chemical Research Society of India, the Chemical Society of Japan, and the Korean Chemical Society and is supported by the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies. At the same meeting, the ACES flagship journal [Chemistry - An Asian Journal](#) was founded as a sister journal to *Angewandte Chemie* and *Chemistry - A European Journal* with the support of the GDCh. *Chemistry - An Asian Journal*, like the other ACES journals [Asian Journal of Organic Chemistry](#) and [ChemNanoMat](#), is rooted in Asia through its ties to the ACES partner societies. All three ACES journals are nevertheless international in scope and are held in high standing by authors and readers around the world.