Editorial: Ten Years of PRX

On May 4, PRX celebrated an important milestone—ten years since it opened for submissions. The journal’s editorial team has a full lineup of activities this year to acknowledge the anniversary. We’re excited to share these plans and to also reflect on how the journal got here and celebrate what it has accomplished.

Although only ten years old, PRX has achieved a unique place and role among physics publications as a “small journal for big papers.” The aim of the journal is to publish papers that have the potential to deeply influence current and future research and to have a long-lasting and profound impact in their relevant fields. The review process involves a highly personalized dialogue among editors, referees, and authors. The editors pose specific—and frequently tough—questions to the referees, asking them to think deeply. The authors need to be open to significant changes in their presentation. These exchanges are insightful for all and lead to a better paper in the end.

This concerted effort has brought PRX to an impressive point: It has the highest impact factor of all open access journals in the multidisciplinary physics category, and it is the premier open access title in the *Physical Review* family of journals, which features a growing set of fully open access titles: *Physical Review Research*, *Physical Review Physics Education Research*, *Physical Review Accelerators and Beams*, and the PRX-inspired journals, *PRX Quantum* and *PRX Energy*. This leading position has been achieved through the support of PRX authors and the hard work of referees, who devote considerable time to assessing and improving papers, and the important contribution of our Editorial Board. Members of the Board not only help make decisions on difficult appeals, but they also provide informal advice on the suitability of submissions and serve as ambassadors to the community. PRX also owes a lot to the impetus of its first Lead Editor, Jorge Pullin. And, of course, the journal relies on the hard work of a dedicated [editorial team](#), led by Managing Editor Ling Miao, that works every day to build connections with the community and to make the journal known and respected across all areas of physics. To all of these contributors to PRX’s success, we say, “Thank you!”

Although we cannot currently have big gatherings or in-person toasts, we can celebrate the 10th anniversary in other ways. In May, the editorial team kicked off its year-long plans on [Twitter](#), [@PhysRevX](#), where they are highlighting important papers under a different theme each week. (Look for the hashtag [#PRX10Years](#).) A “retrospective” piece appearing later this summer will highlight a small selection of papers with expert commentaries. PRX plans to launch Perspectives in the next year. In these forward-looking articles, experts will offer their outlook on emerging directions and developments in selected research areas.

Finally, as we [announced](#) on June 22, we will be stepping down after five years as Lead Editors so that PRX can benefit from new leadership with fresh ideas and connections with the physics community. We therefore take this opportunity to say that it has been a superb human and scientific experience. We had the privilege to know and work with an excellent group of editors and to be exposed daily to the best research across many areas of physics. An editor’s job is challenging, and we admire those who, like the PRX editors, do it so well. We have also very much enjoyed the interactions with the APS management team and with the Lead Editors and editorial teams of other *Physical Review* journals, who all work together to push forward the quality and reputation of the *Physical Review* journal family. We both look forward to watching PRX continue to grow in quality and reputation for the next ten years and beyond.

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