Meet the Editorial Board of Environmental Chemistry

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Jamie Lead is currently Professor of Environmental Nanoscience, University of Plymouth, UK. Previously he was Professor in Environmental Nanoscience and Risk and Director of the SmartState Center for Environmental Nanoscience at the University of South Carolina, USA (2012-2024). Prior to that, he was Professor of Environmental Nanoscience (2000-2012) and founding Director of the national facility FENAC (Facility for Environmental Nanoscience Analysis and Characterization) at the University of Birmingham, UK. His main research interests relate to the environmentally sustainable uses of nanotechnology in, for instance, the remediation of oil, metal and harmful algal blooms, along with understanding the fate, behaviour and effects of nanomaterials. Work in these areas requires detailed work on nanoscale synthesis, characterization, transformations and biotic-abiotic interactions. He has published over 200 papers in the peer-reviewed literature (Web of Science h-index 60). He holds 6 patents and has edited 6 books.

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Graeme Batley is a Chief Research Scientist with CSIRO Land and Water and past Director of the Centre for Environmental Contaminants Research based in Sydney. He is one of Australia's leading researchers of trace contaminants in aquatic systems, actively researching this area for over 40 years. His focus has been on contaminant speciation, bioavailability and toxicity in waters and sediments. He was a lead author of the water and sediment quality guidelines for Australia and New Zealand in 2000 and was heavily involved I the current updating of these. He holds BSc (Hons1), MSc, PhD and DSc degrees from the University of New South Wales. Graeme is the author of over 410 scientific publications (cited 14,000 times), including editing/authoring 7 books, the latest Sediment Quality Assessment, a Practical Guide, and the Oil Spill Monitoring Handbook. He has received several awards, most notably the Eureka Prize for Water Research in 2006. In 2016, he received a lifetime achievement award from the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

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Peter Croot is a marine biogeochemist who focuses on links between trace element speciation, redox, photochemistry, and phytoplankton productivity in the ocean, with special emphasis on the Southern Ocean and the oxygen minimum zones in the Atlantic and Pacific. Dr Croot undertook his Ph.D. studies in the Chemistry Department at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. This was followed by post-doctoral studies at WHOI (USA), Gothenburg University (Sweden), and at the NIOZ (Netherlands) and held research positions at the IFM-GEOMAR in Kiel, Germany and PML in Plymouth, UK. In 2012 he took up the position of Established Professor of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG).

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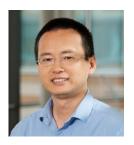
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