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Serving as editor-in-chief of *Mat. Res.* since we published the first number in 1998, I consider that some changes in the editorial team and in the policies are due. In order to keep the continuous evolution and improvement of the journal quality, I would dare to suggest the following actions:

- i) To raise the acceptance threshold.
- ii) To renovate part of the editorial board.
- iii) To focus on strategies to reduce the review time. In this way *Mat. Res.* will be even more attractive to authors and, as a bonus, its impact factor will most likely increase.

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