Editorial

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The timing for this could not be better. Functional programming is exploding in use everywhere, from middle schools to cutting-edge industries. We are no longer the oddballs in the corner; rather, our ideas are pervasive, languages market themselves on the adoption of our ideas, and programmers everywhere are learning that they ignore our lessons at their peril. However, as is common with industrial adoption, many of the ideas we are just now seeing adopted date back a long time and are commonplace in our world. The functional programming community has not been resting; if anything, activity in our world has become even more exciting and frenetic. So the future holds enormous promise.

Though industrial adoption is only one of many metrics for success, it remains a useful and important one. How do we shorten the "idea to industry" pipeline? It takes several things: for people in industry to get access to ideas, understand them, and value them. Open Access solves only one of those problems, but one that is a critical precursor for everything else. We are proud of the quality of writing in our community, especially as featured in the pages of this journal, and hope that improving access will turn the pipeline into a series of locks in the canal that connects the lake of ideas to the ocean of widespread use.

We believe Open Access will benefit many communities. It naturally helps authors reach broader audiences. It helps readers everywhere get access to material that may previously have been effectively impossible to obtain. Somewhat subtly, it also rewards the

people who make this community special: the reviewers who tirelessly toil to make papers better. Their unnamed, unheralded contribution—conveyed through the papers—will be accessible to a much broader audience, hopefully attracting a new generation of authors as well.

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