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Nano Today on World's Top 5 List in Three Journal Categories *Singapore-based journal records its highest impact factor of 18.432*

Singapore, August 13, 2014 – Singapore-based *Nano Today* journal has received a record high impact factor of 18.432 in 2013, up from 17.689 in 2012, according to the Journal Citation Reports® published by Thomson Reuters last month. The scientific journal is one of the highest impact publications across nanoscience and nanotechnology, materials science and chemistry.

Nano Today ranks 2nd among 73 journals in the Nanoscience and Nanotechnology category, 4th out of 251 journals in Materials Science (Multidisciplinary), and 5th out of 148 journals in Chemistry (Multidisciplinary). *Nano Today* is also the only Asia-based journal among the top 5 journals in these disciplines.

“*Nano Today* is committed towards furthering the latest advances in the multidisciplinary field of nanoscience and nanotechnology, and I am delighted that it is recognized for publishing high-impact and high-quality articles. The journal’s high citation illustrates the importance of our papers in this competitive, rapidly evolving field. I would like to thank our readers, authors, reviewers, Editorial Advisory Board and our Managing Editor Noreena AbuBakar for their strong support and contributions to the journal’s success,” said Professor Jackie Y. Ying, Editor-in-Chief of *Nano Today*, who is also the Executive Director of the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, Singapore.

Nano Today is published by Elsevier and was launched in 2006 as a magazine. Through its unique mix of review articles, rapid communications, the latest research news, and information on key developments, *Nano Today* provides comprehensive coverage of this dynamic field of nanoscience and nanotechnology, highlighting its broad range of applications in biology, medicine, sensing, diagnostics, imaging, electronics, energy, environment, chemistry and catalysis. Its impact factor has been steadily increasing from 5.929 in 2007 to 18.432 in 2013, since successfully transitioning from a magazine to a journal format in 2009 under the editorial leadership of Professor Ying.

“This excellent result is a reflection of the commitment and energy shown by Jackie and the editorial team in pursuing the very best papers for the journal. I'd like to thank and congratulate all of the authors, reviewers, and of course Jackie and her team, with this outstanding achievement,” said Marina Soares e Silva, Publisher for *Nano Today*, Materials Science Journals, Elsevier.

The journal, Elsevier and the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology have also been organizing a biennial *Nano Today* conference series since 2009. The conference

has now become a major international forum for the exchange of research ideas and findings in nanoscience and nanotechnology. The last conference was held in December 2013 in Singapore with 450 participants, and the next conference will be held in Dubai on December 6-10, 2015 (www.nanotoday-conference.com).

The Journal Citation Reports® is an annual publication by Thomson Reuters. The 2014 edition provides citations data for articles published in 2012 and 2013, and included more than 10,900 journals in 232 disciplines and 83 countries. The impact factor for each journal is determined based on the number of times an average article is cited during the previous two years, and these data are then compiled into ranked lists of journals per discipline.

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Nano Today is the international journal for researchers with interests across the whole of nanoscience and technology. Through its unique mixture of peer-reviewed articles, the latest research news, and information on key developments, *Nano Today* provides

comprehensive coverage of this exciting and dynamic new field. For more information, please visit www.nanotoday.com.

Nano Today provides a peer-reviewed forum for the publication of authoritative review articles, rapid communications, and news and opinions that shape and define the frontiers of nanoscience and nanotechnology through their multidisciplinary applications (see attached flyer). It publishes six issues per year covering all aspects of nanoscience and nanotechnology. For more information, please visit www.nanotoday.com.

The 4th *Nano Today* Conference (*Nano Today 2015*) organized by Elsevier, the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, and the *Nano Today* journal, seeks to bring together researchers interested in nanoscience and nanotechnology. This international conference will present the latest research at the multidisciplinary frontier of nanostructured materials and devices. For more information, please visit www.nanotoday-conference.com.

About the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology

Established in 2003, the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (IBN) is spearheaded by its Executive Director, Professor Jackie Yi-Ru Ying, who was a Professor of Chemical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1992–2005). In 2008, Professor Ying was recognized as one of “One Hundred Engineers of the Modern Era” by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers for her groundbreaking work on nanostructured systems, nanoporous materials and host matrices for quantum dots and wires. Under her direction, IBN conducts research at the cutting-edge of bioengineering and nanotechnology. Its programs are geared towards linking multiple disciplines across engineering, science and medicine to produce research breakthroughs that will improve healthcare and our quality of life.

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- **Cell and Tissue Engineering**, where biomimicking materials, stem cell technology, microfluidic systems and bi imaging tools are combined to develop novel approaches to regenerative medicine and artificial organs.
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- **Green Chemistry and Energy**, which encompass the green synthesis of chemicals and pharmaceuticals, catalytic conversion of biomass, utilization of carbon dioxide, and new nanocomposite materials for energy applications.

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