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Dear readers of *Materials*,

After an extensive voting period, we are proud to announce **Dr. Andrea Alù** as the first winner of the *Materials Young Investigator Award* who is a Full Professor and the Temple Foundation Endowed Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, at the University of Texas, Austin, USA. He was the outstanding candidate, as voted for by the evaluation committee of the Materials Investigator Award, out of 36 candidates who were each proposed by at least two other colleagues from the broad field of materials science.

Dr. Alù received his Ph.D. with Professor Lucio Vegni and Professor Nader Engheta at the University of Roma Tre in 2007 and did postdoctoral training at the University of Pennsylvania under the supervision of Professor Nader Engheta. At the age of 37, Dr. Alù has already achieved an extraordinary standing in the materials community. Dr. Alù's scientific work over the past few years has been focused on the conception, modeling and application of nanostructured artificial materials and metamaterials to mold electromagnetic waves, light and sound in exotic ways, going beyond the limits and challenges associated with the use of natural materials. To date, he has co-authored over 345 journal papers, edited one book, 28 book chapters,

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and 552 conference papers. His work has not only led to prime level basic research, but has also shown to be highly relevant for engineering, achieving significant impact in materials science and beyond.

On behalf of the Materials Editorial office staff and editorial board members, I wish to congratulate Dr. Andrea Alù for his excellent performance and wish him all the best for his future career.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tabrizian'.

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