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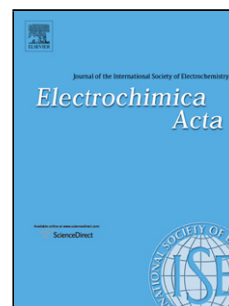
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FOREWORD

This special issue contains selected peer reviewed work presented in analytical electrochemistry (Division 1) and electrochemical energy conversion and storage (Division 3) symposia's of the 10th Spring Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry, organized by ISE. This meeting was held at the University of Western Australia in Perth Australia, from April 15th to 18th 2012; containing 2 symposia bringing together sponsors, exhibitors, researchers, students and industrialist from 31 different countries with the submission of approximately 300 abstracts. This was the first time an ISE meeting was held in Australia and it was an outstanding success. The purpose of this meeting was to share recent research findings and to promote international collaborations in the broad areas of electroanalysis and energy storage materials, with a particular emphasis on new and emerging technologies.

The theme of the meeting was "*New approaches to nanostructuring electrodes for electroanalysis and energy storage*" which involved ISE Division 1 (Analytical Electrochemistry) and ISE Division 3 (Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage). Very progressive presentations given by the invited and contributed speakers' showed that the field of electroanalytical chemistry and energy storage area still has plenty of room for research that requires strong links between institutions across the globe and interactions with industries.

The Opening ceremony was on Sunday evening, April 15 with a Welcome reception at the University of Western Australia. The program for the following three days from Monday to Wednesday included six main sessions, each starting with a keynote lecture (40 min) which was followed by three parallel sessions. The program included 6 keynote lectures, 36 invited lectures, 88 oral presentations, 95 posters and an instrument exhibition.

We were fortunate that Perth put on her best autumn weather to greet all our overseas and interstate visitors during the whole conference. During the conference dinner, held on the Tuesday evening in the University of Western Australia staff club, a beautiful warm evening saw delegates stand on the balcony overlooking the Swan River with the night lights of central Perth reflecting off the water. Some wine was consumed.

I would like to thank all participants for their excellent scientific contributions! I am unsure how many people would make the long journey to Australia and so I thank you for coming in such large numbers and making the week such a success. We would also like to thank the ISE Office for their precious help in organizing the meeting. Student helpers have done a fascinating job. The generous sponsorship from a number of organizations must be acknowledged as a vital ingredient for the success of the conference. Key sponsors included: Australian Institute of Nuclear Science

and Engineering (AINSE), The Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI), Government of Western Australia Department of Commerce, Elsevier, Prodigital and Bio-Logic SAS. Exhibitors including Ivium Technologies, Pine Research Instrumentation, Metrohm Autolab B.V./Metrohm Nordic and eDAQ are also gratefully acknowledged. Thank you all for making the 10th ISE Spring Meeting a success! Special thanks are due to my co-organizers Justin Gooding, Alan Bond, Salvatore Daniele, Elzbieta Frackowiak and Kwang-Bum Kim. In addition, thanks are due to the members of the local organizing committee Roland De Marco, Damien Arrigan, Conor Hogan, Anthony O'Mullane and all other who served as a session chairs and co-chairs.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Editor-in-Chief, his associates of *Electrochimica Acta*, contributed authors and reviewers who made this issue possible in a timely fashion. BIG thanks for Elsevier for kindly agreeing to publish these contributions as a "special issue".

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Venue panorama



Conference room



Group Photograph at the Foyer.

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