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Synopsis

This book provides a basis for an introductory course on electrochemistry. Uniquely, little or no background knowledge of mathematics is required to follow the course, as concepts are clearly emphasised throughout. The first edition has been adopted by university course across the globe and remains highly sought after. This second edition has been completely revised and expanded, and will continue to appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students of chemistry and related disciplines, Professionals wishing to apply electrochemical methods in their work will also find the book invaluable.

The text is supported by a large number of figures which illustrate key points. A final chapter contains problems with fully worked answers to test reader's understanding.

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- Electrochemical kinetics studies



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Editorial

A new year, a new decade, and electron transfer chemistry still continues to make a major impact on our lives, both consciously through technological design and application, and in the wonderful, yet innate, beautiful self-perpetuating systems that constitute Natural Life. To emphasise this, the RSC Electrochemistry Group Committee have announced that the Geoffrey Barker (RSC Electrochemistry) Medal will continue to be awarded to outstanding UK electrochemists who have contributed with important experimental or theoretical achievements, and whose research work is recognized internationally, so that the award is seen as strengthening the standing of UK Electrochemistry. This will be presented for the first time since 2007 at Electrochem10.

In seeking to emphasise developments in Electrochemical Technology which may be highlighted for commercial exploitation, thereby adding value and benefit to societal welfare and consciousness, I introduce, in this issue, a new module – a Technology Highlights Portal (q.v. page 19). It is my great pleasure to feature within this first edition, the Hull University Naso-gastric Tube, which has been developed within the Faculty of Health and Social Care at Hull University, with collaborators from Curtin University, Perth, Australia, and which relies on a form of amperometric pH measurement.

Readers will be aware of a report by The Expert Group of the European Union published earlier this year regarding the rôle of community research policy in the knowledge-based economy; following the recommendations described therein, I continue to feature the New Faces in UK Electrochemistry (*q.v.* page 46) – the future of our subject within the UK is related to the survival of this generation. Pleasingly, Dr. Tim Albrecht (of Imperial College), who was featured in a previous edition of this magazine, will join the RSC Electrochemistry Group Committee as Electrochemical Society representative. Other committee changes include the appointment of Professor Peter Fielden as Chairman of the RSC Electrocanalytical Sensing Systems Group.

Last, owing to popular demand, the su-do-ku competition has returned (*q.v.* page 51)! Please send in your completed solutions to me at the e.mail address below by midnight (BST) on July 24, 2010; the author of the winning solution will receive a copy of *Understanding Voltammetry* by R. G. Compton and C. E. Banks (which has been very generously donated to this magazine as a prize by Professor Richard Compton of Oxford University).

It remains for me to thank all those who have contributed material and ideas for, and advice on, the content of this issue.

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Professor Damian ARRIGAN on his appointment to a position within the Nanochemistry Research Institute at Curtin University, Perth, Australia.



The Editor warmly congratulates Dr. Oleksandr OLIYNYK on his new CNRS position.

Puits de Science

Development of Enteral Feeding Tubes

Lead Academic: Mrs Barbara Elliott, University of Hull

The Challenge

The use of nasogastric tubes (thin tubes which pass through one nostril and down the oesophagus to reach the atomach) is common both in hospitals and homes throughout the world for patients of all ages with a range of acute and chronic medical conditions. The key issue is verification of the correct placement of the tube which is usually intended to be in the stomach. Malpositioned tubes cause problems and occasionally serious or flatal complications. There are a number of tests for determining the location of nasogastric tubes but all have limitations and some are dangerous. There is currently no definitive, aste and reliable method of verifying where a nasogastric tube is placed.

The Innovation

Development of a fail safe detection mechanism for the placement of nasogastric feeding tubes that is reliable and cheap to manufacture; comprising of a sensor which specifically detects stomach contents and signals to an external monitor that the tube is in the correct location. The sensor can operate over extended periods without the need for removal, providing longterm reassurance of correct positioning. The innovation is protected by PCT (international) Patent Application (filed 8 June 2006). A prototype has been successfully demonstrated in laboratory conditions.



The Opportunity

Independent study of the market potential of this product has been conducted by Cion Consulting. UK sales are understood to be in the range of 6 -12 million tubes annually (25-10m) and 69 – 154m annually (260 -120m) in the USA and Europe. There are many suppliers of nasogastric tubes ranging from divisions of multi-national companies to UK private companies. The clinical trials required of this product would most easily be supported by a company producing the tubes under licence. Future sales depend upon manufacturing costs, market research of potnial partners suggests proof manufacture is necessary to give assurance that a working prototype can be made with at an estimated cost of under £2.50 per tube.

How has the Yorkshire Concept Fund Contributed?

Yorkshire Concept funding of £30,000 has enabled the development of tubes and extensive laboratory testing to prove the concept and technological development worked. Application for international and UK patents has also been facilitated as was appropriate exploration of market potential through business contacts.

Proposition Position Today

Work is continuing to provide further evidence of the tubes potential to identify location in the stomach. Manufacturing partners and/or further funding sources are being actively sought to develop the proof of manufacture at a reasonable cost in order to proceed with this innovation.









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Current students (Masters or PhD level) who may wish to join the network may contact the organiser (vide infra) directly to join and with any queries.

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2010 Postgraduate Research Topics Meeting in Electroanalysis

8th December 2010 at Birkbeck, University of London

The Electroanalytical Sensing Systems Group, Analytical Division, RSC in collaboration with

The School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Birkbeck is organising the 9th Annual Meeting for Postgraduate Research Topics in Electroanalysis.

We would like to invite a contribution from your Group and/or attendance at the meeting – contributions of work in progress are particularly welcome as are posters.

• The meeting will be free of charge to all attendees but advance registration of interest by e-mail is requested so any changes to the program or venue can be communicated.

• The Electroanalytical Sensing Systems Group will pay travel costs (equivalent to a 2nd class off-peak rail fare with student rail card) for speakers.

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- (ii) the abstract submitted to the conference organisers,
- (iii) one A4 page *curriculum vitae* stressing academic and scientific achievements (e.g., research articles, oral and poster presentations *made by the applicant*).

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New macroporous materials for photocatalytic and photonic applications Principal supervisor: Dr Richard Douthwaite (York) Secondary supervisor: Professor Rik Brydson (Leeds)

Synthesis and characterisation of (photo)electrocatalysts for CO_2 reduction based on transition metal complexes Principal supervisor: Dr Julia Weinstein (Sheffield) Secondary supervisor: Professor Robin Perutz (York)

Design of photovoltaic components for a solar electrochemical cell for the reduction of CO₂ **Principal supervisor:** Professor Stephanie Haywood (Hull) Secondary supervisor: Dr Bruce Ewan (Sheffield)

Correlating electronic, electrochemical and functional properties of highly-textured semiconductor-catalyst materials Principal supervisor: Dr Rolf Crook (Leeds) Secondary supervisor: Jay Wadhawan (Hull)

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http://www.hull.ac.uk/chemistry/WhiteRoseSolarCO2

Future Events



Electrochem 2010 Call for Papers

14-15 September 2010, University of Wolverhampton, Telford, UK

Electrochem 2010: Electrochemistry and Sustainability aims to bring together members of the international community involved in the practice and promotion of electrochemistry and electrochemical engineering. There will be a mix of plenary lectures, parallel breakout sessions of contributed lectures and keynote talks, an extended poster session and a gala dinner.

Symposia Themes

Many symposia themes will be covered, all with a clear focus and emphasis on sustainability.

Conference Organiser: Chike Oduoza.

- 1. Electrochemical energy storage and conversion (Nigel Brandon, Carlos Ponce de Leon)
- 2. Electrochemical surface technology (Karl Ryder, Natasa Vasilevic)
- 3. Bio/electroanalysis and sensors (Peter Fielden, John Hart)
- 4. Nano/advanced materials (Craig Williams, Dave Walton) 5. Environmental treatment and recycling (Ted Roberts,
- Pauline Allen)
- 6. Lab to market (Rob Andrew, Dave Hodgson)
- Symposium for postgraduate students (Paul Shearing, Stacey Handy)
- 8. General poster session

Plenary lectures to be announced. Please check the website regularly for updates.

Call for Papers

Please submit A4 abstracts stating whether you prefer an oral or poster presentation and the corresponding symposia theme to susan.fitzgerald@soci.org. Technical assistance is provided, please contact the secretariat who will put you in touch with the correct person.

Deadline for oral presentations: Monday 31 May 2010 Deadline for poster presentations: Friday 30 July 2010

Sponsorship & Exhibition

The University of Wolverhampton is an ideal venue for an exhibition. All refreshments, lunches, the exhibition and posters are situated in a single area, ensuring excellent access to delegates througout the meeting. There is also plenty of opportunity for sponsorship, please contact susan.fitzgerald@soci.org for further information and costs.

For further details please visit:

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Cover Images: World Heritage Site of Ironbridge and Telford, often referred to as 'The Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution'; Priorslee Hall, Telford Campus; SEM image of nickel deposition on aluminium Electrochem 2010: Electrochemistry and Sustainability University of Wolverhampton, Telford, UK 14-15 September 2010 Organised by SCI's Electrochemical Technology Group, RSC's Electrochemisty Group and RSC's Electroanalytical Group

Synopsis

Electrochem 2010 aims to bring together members of the international community involved in the practice and promotion of electrochemistry and electrochemical engineering.

Electrochemical technology as a specialist theme in electrochemical engineering/electrochemistry, deals with the application of a variety of electrochemical tools and techniques for industrial use. It is a subject area that focuses on problem solving for industry, especially in the manufacture of specialist chemicals, materials, batteries, electrochemical cells / reactors, pharmaceuticals and automotive components. Electrochemical technology is also used in corrosion protection, energy generation, research into new materials and methodologies for chemical processing.

In recent years, energy generation and environmental protection have become topical and seem to dominate the field. Electrochem 2010 will cover many symposia themes all with a clear focus and emphasis on sustainability.

Who should attend?

Those interested in the applications of Electrochemical Techonology and people from the backgrounds of industry, government and academia.

Symposia Themes

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- Electrochemical surface technology (Karl Ryder, Natasa Vasiljevic)
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- Nano / advanced materials (Craig Williams, Dave Walton, Martin Eason)
- Environmental treatment and recycling (Ted Roberts, Pauline Allen)
- From Lab to Market (David Hodgson)
- Symposium for postgraduate students (Paul Shearing, Stacy Handy)
- General poster session

Plenary Lectures

John Saffell (Technical Director, Alphansense Ltd)

John Saffell has been Technical Director of Alphasense Ltd since it was founded in 1997. Dr Saffell has a BSc in chemistry from MIT (1975) and PhD in materials science from Cambridge University (1979). Co-founder of Solomat in 1979 and then Research Director of Neotronics in 1994, he has been involved in gas sensing and water quality sensors and measurement for 30 years. As Chairman of the Council of Gas Detection and Environmental Measurement (CoGDEM) and previous chairman of Sensors for Water Interest Group (SWIG), he encourages partnerships between technology providers and technology users in water quality and gas detection.

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Accommodation

Accommodation will be available on campus, these details will be available on the website shortly.

Scientific Organising Committee

Dr. Chike Oduoza (University of Wolverhampton), Professor Frank Walsh (University of Southampton), Professor Craig Williams (University of Wolverhampton), Professor Dave Walton (Coventry), Professor Sudipta Roy (University of Newcastle), Dr. Peter Farr (Institute of Metal Finishing), Dr. Ted Roberts (University of Manchester), Dr. Alison Davenport (University of Birmingham), Dr. Pauline Allen (Bristol), Dr. Trevor Pearson (MacDermid), Stacey Handy (MacDermid)

Location

Telford Campus, University of Wolverhampton, Telford, UK

Delegate Fees

Please note fees include the 5% discount for making an online booking.

Earlybird fees - before 14 August

GB£209 SCI / RSC Member GB£119 Student / Subsidised Member GB£285 Non member

Standard fees - after 14 August

GB£256 SCI / RSC Member GB£142 Student / Subsidised Member GB£323 Non member

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Electrochem North West 8th annual workshop: Electrochemical applications

Monday 21st June 2010

Time 10am till 4pm then drinks at Bangor University, School of Chemistry The Orton Lecture Theatre, Bangor University, LL57 2UW

Outline Programme

10:00 Registration with coffee

Morning Session

Opening Remarks
Simulation of the solid phase reduction of metal oxides by molten salt
electrolysis - the Cambridge FFC process
Charles Osarinmwian - University of Manchester
Electrocoagulation
John Jones - Bangor University
Oxidation of dimethylamine Borane on single crystal electrodes:
implcations for electroless deposition and borohydride fuel cells
Daniela Plana - University of Manchester
Surface Decontamination by Photocatalysis
Richard Wilbraham – Lancaster University
Lunch
Discussion Groups*
on la
Graphene Based Microelectrodes
James Dickinson - Lancaster University
Electrocatalyst support materials for PEM fuel cells.
Ashley Moore - University of Manchester
Single molecule electrochemistry
PhD student of Dr R Nichols - University of Liverpool
Permeability measurements under Hydrodynamic Control
Matej Velicky - University of Manchester
inks Reception

SYMPOSIUM AIM

Summary: This symposium is a one day informal meeting, devoted to student presentations; with the aim of highlighting the novel research that is taking place within the field of electrochemistry.

Electrochemistry as well as having fundamental application is applicable in all areas of science and as such is a growing field of research and the amalgamation of local international experts within the field is hoped to generate future funding applications.

Discussion Groups*

Delegates will have the opportunity to network both over lunch and at the drinks reception.

REGISTRATION: This is a free workshop

If you are attending, please respond by email : c.d.gwenin@bangor.ac.uk Alternatively, complete the form below and return to: Chris Gwenin, School of Chemistry, Bangor University LL57 2UW

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Electrochem North West 8th annual workshop: Electrochemical applications

Monday 21st June 2010

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Closing date for registration: 31/05/2010

Electrochemistry, Electrochemical Engineering and Electrochemical Technology: July 5th – 9th 2010

Electrochemistry, Electrochemical Engineering and Electrochemical Technology is a one week, residential course designed to introduce the practical steps essential to implement electrochemical technology on a commercial scale. It is intended to compliment the course *Instrumental Methods in Electrochemistry*, run almost annually in Southampton since 1969. Indeed, we hope that those who found Instrumental Methods in Electrochemistry useful will return to Southampton to attend the new course.

In the Southampton tradition, *Electrochemistry, Electrochemical Engineering and Electrochemical Technology* will consist of both lectures (with full written supporting material) and hands-on practical sessions. The early lectures will cover core material such as:

Applications of Electrochemistry Introduction to Electrode Reactions Voltammetry Steps to Move from the Laboratory to Commercial Exploitation Current and Potential Distribution Electrode Materials and Membranes Cell Design

The final three lecture sessions will address specific topics in electrochemical technology, especially examples of applications. In 2010 these topics will be:

Fuel Cells Electrodeposition for Nanotechnology Energy Storage – Li Batteries, Supercapacitances and Flow Batteries

All participants will do an introductory voltammetry experiment in the first practical session and then select two further experiments out of 6-8 designed to illustrate the core material and the selected specific topics. The Summerschool will also provide formal and informal opportunities for discussion of topics related to the interests of the participants.

For enquiries and registration, please contact : Professor Derek Pletcher, School of Chemistry, The University, Southampton SO17 1BJ, UK. **telephone:** +44 (0)2380 593519 **email:** <u>dp1@soton.ac.uk</u>

Further details: http://www.soton.ac.uk/~elchem/index.htm



<u>p://www.bath.ac.uk/chemistry/eissummerschool/</u>



9th International Symposium on Advances in Electrochemical Science and Technology

First Circular & Call for Papers



December 2-4, 2010

Hotel Green Park, Chennai, India

Organised by

Society for Advancement of Electrochemical Science and Technology (SAEST), Karaikudi



and

Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR), Karaikudi

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ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Electrochemistry, a truly interdisciplinary field of science, plays a vital role in areas such as Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Physics, Materials Science, Metallurgy and Electrical & Electronics Engineering. Emerging areas such as Nanotechnology and Biotechnology require vital inputs from Electrochemistry. In order to take stock of recent developments, the Society for Advancement of Electrochemical Science and Technology (SAEST), Karaikudi and Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi are organising the 9th International Symposium on Advances in Electrochemical Science and Technology (ISAEST-9). The Symposium will provide a forum for electrochemists and technologists from all over the world to meet and exchange knowledge and research experience.

The Symposium will discuss developments in all branches of Electrochemical Science and Technology.

SAEST and CECRI invite students, research scholars, scientists, academicians and industrialists to participate in the Symposium and make it a memorable event.

The best poster presentations/ best scholar presentations (oral) will be considered for awards in the Symposium.

SESSIONS

Code Area

- [A] Basic Electrochemistry and Electroanalysis
- [B] Electrochemical Power Systems
- [C] New Materials in Electrochemical Systems
- [D] Corrosion Science and Materials Protection
- [E] Electroplating and Surface Engineering
- [F] Bioelectrochemistry and Biotechnology
- [G] Electrochemical Sensors and Devices / Instrumentation
- [H] Nanoscale Electrochemistry
- [I] Environmental Electrochemistry
- [J] Electrosynthesis & Electrometallurgy / Industrial Electrochemical Processes
- [K] Hydrogen Electrochemical Production, Storage and Applications
- [S] Code for scholar session, irrespective of the area



CALL FOR PAPERS

Technical papers in session topics and in allied aspects will be considered for presentation at the Symposium in oral/poster sessions.

Those desirous of contributing papers to the Symposium are requested to send abstracts of the papers (maximum 250 words, two figures and one table) in electronic version to <saestkkd@yahoo.com> and a hard copy on an A4 size paper along with the duly filled-in pre-registration form. The abstract should include objectives of the study, results and tentative conclusions. Please indicate the session name on the abstract and your choice for oral or poster presentation. However, the committee reserves the right to reassign presentations as deemed appropriate. The name of the authors, the presenting author, their affiliations, addresses, fax, e-mail, mobile numbers and other details should be mentioned.

All the delegates will receive a book of abstracts and registration kit at the symposium hall.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

Dates	: December 02–04, 2010
Venue	: Hotel Green Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.
Language	: English
Technical Programme	: Keynote lecture(s), Invited lectures, oral and poster sessions, scholar session and commercial exhibition
Social events	: Pre-conference meet, cultural programme and local sight-seeing
Souvenir	: A souvenir along with a book of abstracts will be released

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstracts with	
Pre-registration form	: July 31, 2010
Notification to author(s)	: August 30, 2010
Final Announcement	: October 25, 2010
Final Announcement	: October 25, 20

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REGISTRATION FEE

Delegates Registration	Overseas (US \$)	India (Rs.)
Delegate	300	6000
SAEST Life Fellow/Life Active Member	· _	5000
Accompanying spouse	150	2500
Student researcher	150	3000
Company registration	750	15000
(for 3 delegates)		

Please register on or before **August 31, 2010**. The registration fee has to be paid by a demand draft drawn in favour of "SAEST, KARAIKUDI", India payable at KARAIKUDI. The registration fee, once paid, will not be refunded but could be adjusted for another delegate from the same organization and/or towards abstracts and proceedings. Registration fee includes three lunch and two dinner.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation well in advance. Those who desire to stay at Hotel Green Park, the venue, may please contact the hotel directly at < http://www.hotelgreenpark.com>.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

Exhibitor participation is an important feature of the event. The exhibition will showcase a wide range of products and services, plus the latest developments in electrochemical products. It will provide the exhibiting industry/organisation with a unique opportunity to access a high profile, highly targeted, global audience from the government, industry and the electrochemical community at large.

SYMPOSIUM SECRETARIAT

Dr. G. Sozhan Secretary Society for Advancement of Electrochemical Science and Technology (SAEST) CECRI Campus, Karaikudi 630 006 Tamil Nadu, INDIA. Tel : +91 4565 224198 / 227550 to 227559 Fax : +91 4565 227713 / 227779 E-mail: saestkkd@yahoo.com Website: www.saest.com Chennai, formerly known as Madras, the capital city of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, is located on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal. The city was established in the 17th century by the British, who developed it into a major urban centre and naval base. The city is India's second largest exporter of software, information technology and information technology-enabled services. Its average elevation is 6.7 m (22 ft), and its highest point is 60 m (200 ft). The Marina Beach runs for 14 km along the shoreline of the city. Chennai is a major centre for music, art and culture in India. Chennai is well connected to other parts of India by road, rail and air.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC J. HEYROVSKÝ INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY, PRAGUE

43rd Heyrovský Discussion on ELECTROCHEMISTRY OF ORGANIC MOLECULES AND COORDINATION COMPOUNDS



Castle Třešť Czech Republic May 30-June 3, 2010 (Sun-Thu)

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ORGANIZERS:

Jiří Ludvík (Chair), Jiří Klíma, Irena Hoskovcová, Karolina Rulíšková, Ludmila Šimková, Věra Hudská

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Heyrovský Discussions have been organized during the last four decades every year by the J. Heyrovský Institute of Physical Chemistry, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in one of the conference centers of the Czech Academy. Originally, the Discussions were held at the Liblice castle, later in castle Bechyně and recently it has taken place at the renaissance castle Třešť in southeastern Bohemia, in an attractive, peaceful locality rich in historical monuments and of beautiful natural scenery. Each year a different field of electrochemistry is selected as the discussion theme. The total number of participants is limited to about 50-60 by the capacity of the Castle.

The general philosophy of the Discussions is to bring together students and young research workers with experienced electrochemists specialized in a certain field, and to let them to present in an informal way their most recent achievements and interpretations with a **special stress on a friendly scientific discussion**.

For this reason the time schedule is more free than that at conventional meetings allowing more space to discussion: the program is divided into several sessions devoted to individual topics. Every session is opened by **an introductory lecture (40 min)**. After that **oral presentations** announced in the program (**15-20 min long**) as well as **short** <u>ad</u> <u>hoc</u> **contributions (5-15 min long)** follow, which are accompanied by free discussion. Each session has a chairman whose duty is a.o. to accept the relevant <u>ad</u> hoc contributions and determine their sequence, to follow time and to organize and provoke the discussion. Besides that, contributions in form of posters are also accepted.

In order to allow presentation of the **most recent results**, abstracts of announced oral contributions and posters are required (in electronic form) **only one month in advance** (i.e. until April 25, 2010). Note that the most fresh results presented as *ad-hoc* contributions need no abstracts. Printed proceedings of announced papers (as well as their electronic form) will be prepared before the Discussion (with its own ISBN).

We hope that the 43rd Heyrovský Discussion will contribute to the development of electrochemistry itself, to establishing new cooperative plans and projects as well as to a suited commemoration the 120th anniversary of the birth of professor Heyrovský (1890-1967). Simultaneously, we would like to remember 50 years of laboratory of organic

electrochemistry in the J. Heyrovský Institute, with the presence of its founder and promoter, prof. Petr Zuman. We wish that you could enjoy this meeting. MAIN THEME AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Every year new organic molecules and organometallic or coordination compounds are synthesized for special purposes: catalysts, non-linear optics, liquid crystals, synthetic precursors, mimics for biological systems, contrast agents for diagnostics and imaging, dyes, pharmaceuticals, etc.

Electrochemical investigation of such molecules is the main theme of this Heyrovský Discussion.

- * redox mechanistic studies of organic and coordination compounds
- * electrochemical studies of aromaticity, electron delocalization, electronic conductivity, localization of redox centers
- * electrochemistry and chirality
- * investigation of units for supramolecular devices and molecular wires
- * investigation of dendrimers
- * investigation of host-guest relationship
- * investigation of (photo-) electrochromism
- * use of electrochemical probes and markers
- * models of active centres in biomolecules
- * bond activation by ET for (electro)synthetic purposes
- * generation and characterization of radical intermediates
- * electrochemically generated luminescence
- * combination of electrochemistry with spectroscopic techniques
- * correlation of experimental data with theoretical calculations

and others related problems

DATE AND PLACE:

Arrival at the Castle:	Sunday May 30, 2010 afternoon (before dinner)			
	(A special bus will depart from the J. Heyrovský			
	Institute, Prague, around 15.00 on Sunday)			
Departure from the Castle:	Thursday June 3, 2010 (the time will be specified later)			
	with a direct connection to the Prague Airport			

The castle (chateau) Třešť is located in the small town Třešť, about 15 km south of Jihlava (which is situated on the highway D1 Prague-Brno)

<u>FURTHER INFORMATION</u> (WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY COMPLETED AND UPDATED): http://www.jh-inst.cas.cz/~hdisc/

Faraday Discussion 149: Analysis for Healthcare Diagnostics and Theranostics

6 – 8 September 2010 University of Edinburgh, UK





www.rsc.org/FD149

The need in healthcare to detect biomolecular species such as proteins, oligonucleotides (DNA and RNA) and cells for diagnostics is driving the current development of physical techniques. These techniques are generally based on optical, electrochemical and mass spectrometric transduction. Exploitation in array formats is enabling the development of high throughput detection to inform systems biology and pathway medicine, giving new insights into biomolecular pathways and identifying new target analytes.

This is a highly topical and exciting area which opens up the real prospect of theranostics (the use of diagnostics in informing patient specific therapy). However, development and optimisation of detection requires an understanding and control of the fundamental physical processes occurring both in sensing and signal transduction and assessing the comparative merits of alternative detection strategies. For high throughput detection, bioinformatics (the processing and interpretation of vast amounts of data) also presents a real challenge.

This meeting offers a unique opportunity to discuss the relative merits of these physical methods, and the fundamental issues which currently hinder or preclude their development and utilisation. These discussions will be informed by the requirements for detection (the "clinical pull") and for systems development (the "technological pull").

Themes

- Systems/Devices to Inform Therapy (SDIT)
- Physical Techniques for Diagnostics (PTD)
- High-Throughput Measurement and Analysis (HTMA)
- Towards Real-time Clinical Measurement (TRCM)

Aims

Faraday Discussion 149, organised by the Faraday Division, aims to bring together scientists from many disciplines, including biologists, physicists and chemists, involving academics and industrialists from the healthcare and biosensing communities.

Scientific Committee

Andrew Mount (Chair) University of Edinburgh, UK

Till Bachmann University of Edinburgh, UK

Phil Bartlett University of Southampton, UK

Rob Beynon University of Liverpool, UK

Mark Bradley University of Edinburgh, UK

Paul French Imperial College, London, UK

David Mendels Cognoscens, France

Invited Speakers

Roger Tsien (Introductory) University of California, San Diego, USA

Pankaj Vadgama (Closing) *Queen Mary University of London, UK*

Nancy Allbritton University of North Carolina, USA

Tony Cass Imperial College London, UK

Graham Cooks Purdue University, USA

Kev Dhaliwal MRC Centre for Inflammation Research, Edinburgh, UK

Walter Kolch University College Dublin, Ireland

Key Deadlines

Abstracts for oral presentation 2 November 2009

Submission of full papers 30 April 2010

Abstracts for poster presentation 2 July 2010

Early bird registration 2 July 2010

Standard registration 6 August 2010



How It Works

The Scientific Committee will select contributed abstracts to complement the invited presentations on the basis of the abstracts received. The authors will then be asked to submit their work as a full paper, which will form the basis of their short presentation at the meeting. The paper itself must contain new, unpublished work and be submitted by 30 April 2010.

The papers selected for presentation and discussion will be refereed and then sent to all participants as preprints.

Preprints will be issued four weeks in advance of the meeting. The Discussion will be conducted on the assumption that the papers have been read in advance and only **five minutes** will be allowed for each presentation. Most of the time will be devoted to discussion, a record of which will be submitted for publication in the Faraday Discussion Volume which will be published by the RSC approximately six months after the meeting.

Call for Papers

Offers of papers within any of the themes of the meeting are now invited. Oral abstracts should be submitted by 2 November 2009 and poster abstracts by 2 July 2010.

Abstracts for both oral and poster presentations should be sent by email attachment to RSC Conferences (conferences@rsc.org) with the following subject header: 'FD149 abstract'.

The abstracts should be no longer than one A4 page in portrait layout.

Please include your full address and contact details in the email and indicate whether you are submitting an abstract for oral or poster presentation.

Registration

Registration will open in spring 2010. Accommodation is not included in the registration fee; this should be booked directly with the University of Edinburgh at the time of registering.

Financial support is available for students and recent graduates. The bursary application form will be available online when registration opens.

Venue

The meeting will be held at the new John McIntyre Conference Centre at the University of Edinburgh's Pollock Halls site.

You may like to arrive in Edinburgh early to attend Edinburgh's world famous festivals which take place throughout August until the first week in September.

Networking

Faraday Discussions provide excellent opportunities for interaction with other delegates. Networking will take place through an interactive poster session and the conference dinner which will include the traditional Faraday Loving Cup ceremony.

Faraday Discussion Volume

The Faraday Discussion Volume documents the unique series of discussion meetings. The papers presented at the meeting are published in the Faraday Discussion Volume together with a record of the discussion contributions made at the meeting. Faraday Discussions therefore provide an important record of current international knowledge and views in the field concerned.

The latest ISI citation data give Faraday Discussions an impact factor of 4.60, emphasising their importance as a forum for developing exciting new ideas.

Sponsoring Faraday Discussion 149

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available at this meeting include table-top exhibitions, sponsorship of social events and advertisements in the book of abstracts. Please contact RSC Conferences for details.

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Further Information

The programme and registration booking link will be available online at the start of 2010. All enquiries concerning any aspect of FD149 should be addressed to RSC Conferences.

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Dr. Bruce ALEXANDER is a Lecturer in Physical Chemistry at The University of Greenwich.

Bruce started his research career as a spectroscopist with a Phi from the University of Dundee. Although primarily concerned with surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (SERS), his work studying the behaviour of porcelains and their analogues on electrode surfaces led to a fruitful collaboration with Joe Crayston at St Andrews University using spectroelectrochemistry to probe the nature of porphyrin analogues. Having finished his Ph.D., Bruce moved to the Université de Genève in Switzerland where he worked with Jan Augustynski developing and characterising thin films of semiconductor materials for solar hydrogen production and electrochromics. After a short stay in Aberdeen University working on the solar-assisted degradation of organic pollutants through photocatalysis, he took a lectureship at the University of Greenwich.

Since arriving at Greenwich in 2007, his group have been expanding their research interests in photo-electrochemistry and are particularly interested in developing photocatalysts with an increased activity to visible-light. This would enable a more efficient generation of hydrogen through the photolysis of water. Bruce retains an active interest in SERS and is working on ways to pattern silver surfaces and surface modification strategies for the selective detection of biologically relevant molecules.

Find out more at the following URL. http://www.gre.ac.uk/schools/science/staff/alexander-bruce

Dr. Paolo BERTONCELLO is an Assistant Professor in Biosensing at The University of Swansea.

Paolo received a BS in Industrial Chemistry from the University of Venice (Italy) in 1997, and a PhD in Biophysics from the University of Genoa (Italy) under the direction of Prof. Claudio Nicolini in 2003. In 2003/2004, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin under the supervision of Prof. Mike White. From 2004 to 2007 he was a Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship at the University of Warwick (UK) under the supervision of Professor Pat Unwin and Professor Julie Macpherson. From 2007 to 2010 he was a Senior Postdoctoral Fellow at Dublin City University (Ireland) after being awarded a Marie Curie Reintegration Grant as well as a DCU Research Fellowship under the supervision of Prof. Robert Forster.

In 2010 he joined the Multidisciplinary Nanotechnology Centre and the Centre for NanoHealth at the School of Engineering, Swansea University (UK) as a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Biosensing. His research interests focuses on Langmuir-Blodgett films of perfluorinated polymers, electrochemistry at metal nanoparticles and carbon nanotubes and Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy (SECM) for biosensing and catalysis.



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Dr. Chris GWENIN is an Academic Officer in Chemistry at The University of Bangor, and whose research is centred at the electrochemical biological interface.

Chris graduated with an M.Chem. in Chemistry in 2002 and a PhD in 2006, both from Bangor University. In 2006 he joined the electrochemistry and sensors group at the School of Chemistry at Bangor University. In 2009 Chris was appointed as an academic officer due to his experience in research coordination as he is leading on a managerial and scientific level in a major sensors development workpackage in a 11 Million Euro European grant (NANOSECURE), which involves 25 partners, both academic and industrial. He has also raised grants in order to bridge gaps between the chemical and biological science's through the Royal Society of Chemistry, and has patents awarded including the development and improvement of biosensors. He is an active member of the local committee for genetic manipulations.

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Meeting Report

SMCBS'2009: 4th International Workshop on Surface Modification

for Chemical and Biochemical Sensing

November 6-10, 2009, Przegozaly (near Cracow), Poland



Images of Cracow, Poland.

Having thoroughly enjoyed the last edition of this meeting in 2007, I joined 125 others in converging on Cracow in early November to attend the fourth meeting convened by Professors Kutner and Opallo from the Institute of Physical Chemistry on surface modification for chemical and biochemical sensing.

As in previous years, this conference was located far away from any distractions, and took the unusual format of starting on a Friday afternoon, ending on Tuesday morning, allowing for the exciting, value-for-money opportunity to have whole days devoted to lectures, scientific discovery and educative enhancement explorations, interrupted only by the excursion to the salt mines at Wieliczka on the Monday morning. As in previous years, the conference was well-attended by delegates based within the United Kingdom (just over 11% of the attendees, and with over 50% of this number originating from Dr. Marken's group based in Bath Spa).

The first session on SECM and SEPM included talks by Professor Wittstock and Professor Schuhmann's group. This was followed by an exquisite lecture by Professor Boukherroub on diamond nanowires, with two

subsequent and high quality and lucid talks by Dr. Anne Vuorema and Mr. John Watkins, both from Bath University, who discussed the electrochemistry of carbonised cellulose nanofibrils, and the functionalisation of carbon surfaces for the electrostatic binding of electroactive species, respectively. Watkins' impressive performance on stage was compounded during the discussion afterwards. The afternoon sitting commenced with an excellent tutorial lecture by Professor Haupt on nanostructured molecularly-imprinted polymers, and included an interesting lecture by Professor Mussini – one of the current Vice-Chairs of the ISE Molecular Electrochemistry Division. The session concluded with instructive lectures by Professor Gorton (on electronic communication between bacterial cells), Professor Bilewicz (on liquid crystalline phases for enzymic entrapment with application to biofuel cells), and a hugely enjoyable talk by Dr. Jönnson-Niedziółka on pyrene-functionalised carbon nanotubes.

The second session commenced with a talk by Professor Schuhmann on nanoscale SECM, followed by an excellent talk by the recently habilitated Professor Bron regarding the electrodeposition of metalloporphyrins. After a captivating lecture by Professor Walcarius on the interests and limitations of silica-based mesoporous materials in electroanalysis, Dr. Marken energised the audience by delivering a superb lecture on the electronic conduction within mesoporous films and nanoparticle assemblies, introducing elegant Faradaic coupling processes therein, and was followed by an enjoyable lecture by Ms. Sara Shariki of Bath University regarding ion association processes observed in acetonitrile of cellulose-poly(diallyldimethylammonium) membranes. In an exhilarating lecture after lunch, Professor Haga expounded, during a tutorial lecture, his recent research on multi-electron transfers within supramolecular nano-objects immobilised on electrode surfaces, followed by an enjoyable lecture by Professor Ferapontova on DNA and RNA in electroanalysis. This action-packed day continued with a breathtakingly-exquisite lecture by Professor Limoges on electrochemical enzyme biosensors, an enjoyable lecture by Professor Vagin on biomolecular detection at soft interfaces and a confident presentation by Mr. Andrew Collins from Bath University on photoelectrochemistry at the triple-phase boundary. The theme of biphasic electron transfer continued with an excellent and solid performance by Dr. Niedziółka- Jönnson on the electrosynthesis of an ionic liquid covalently bound to a mesoporous silicate material. followed by an elegant exploration into CO₂ sensing at the three-phase junction by Mr. Norahim Ibrahim of Bath University.

The third session commenced with an overview of protein immobilisation for biosensing by Leeds University's Professor Millner, and was followed by an outstanding lecture by Mr. Nikolaos Daskalakis from Professor Jeuken's group at Leeds University. Daskalakis, a former student from the Warwick Electrochemistry Group, enthralled the audience with his research on electron and proton transfer within the biological membranes of vesicles immobilised on electrode surfaces. Professor Szunerits followed with a wonderfully enjoyable and pedagogicallydelivered lecture on short and long range sensing on plasmonic interfaces. The excitement continued with Professor D'Souza's talk on bioinspired supramolecular nano-self assemblies for light energy conversion, and enjoyable, well-



A salt lake within the salt mine near Cracow.

presented and enlightening talks by Mr. Charles Cummings and Mr. Richard Webster, both from Bath University, on MoSe₂ substrates for the electrodeposition of copper indium diselenide semiconductor films, and silver nanoparticlecatalysed nitrate reduction respectively.

The last session commenced with an excellent tutorial by Professor Brand on surface spectroscopy for structural studies of biologically-relevant films, followed by an excellent lecture by Professor Oyama on the tuning of nanostructured electrode interfaces. Mr. Sho Fuji of Chuo University, Japan "wowed" the audience with his work on the surface manipulation and immobilisation of single DNA wires on gold surfaces, followed by an elegantly-exquisite lecture on the translocution diffusion of phospholipids on surfaces by Professor Blanchard.

Fully exhilarated, better educated, and absolutely exhausted (as well as being worried that the flight back would be disrupted due to fog), we all left the conference venue, having enjoyed the opportunity to re-meet old friends and forge new collaborations, based on buzzing new ideas, and (at least for me) hoping not to bump into the wild boars roaming around the surrounding forest!

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Bioelectrochemistry: Fundamentals, Experimental Techniques and Applications P. N. Bartlett (ed.) Wiley-VCH, 2008 ISBN: 9780470843642 Cost: 143.80 € 478 pages

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The essence of Electrochemistry is that it is a subject which sits at the overlapping frontiers of many traditional and separate sciences, so that there is always a need to emphasise the cross-

fertilisation of ideas from one subject to another. These two books do this very well for their general areas (electrochemistry with biology, and electrochemistry with general analytical science technology), with both books being useful for final year undergraduates, postgraduates and those who are interested in learning more about these areas.

The book edited by Professor Bartlett is guite exceptional. It commences with an introduction to bioenergetics and biological electron transport, and serves as a useful reminder of the essentials to those who may have studied Chemistry with Biological Chemistry as part of their degree programmes. This is then followed by a well-written chapter by Professor Rusling on the electrochemistry of oxidoreductases, and a subsequent chapter on biological membranes and membrane mimics by Professor Hianik is, for me, one of the most delightful chapters in the text - it is an elegant chapter in membrane biophysics, and of great interest to anyone who enjoys such excitement. The next third of the book covers biosensors - a section which includes NAD(P)-based biosensors, glucose biosensors, phenolic biosensors and whole-cell biosensors, with the latter including developments in lab-on-a-chip devices at the single-cell level. This section concludes with a chapter written by, inter alia, Professors Bartlett and Calvo, on biosensor models, penned in their characteristic and authoritative style, which includes an overview of numerical simulation techniques, and with a welcomed pedagogic influence from Professor Albery's contribution on Amperometric enzyme electrodes: theory and practise, in the Turner, Karube, Wilson 1987 volume on Biosensors. The final third of the book is devoted to other applications, such as bioelectrosynthesis (a delightfully holistic chapter written by Professor Pletcher), biofuel cells and in vivo applications, electrochemical immunoassays and DNA assays. This last chapter, written by Professor Oliveira-Brett notably ensures that readers do not make the mistake of equating E_p^{Ox} for the DNA bases with their formal electrode potentials.

The second book is a beautiful and pedagogically-structured text written in French, and contains material to a greater depth that that detailed on Professor Fabry's teaching website. It starts with general analytical chemistry concepts, definitions, and sensor characteristics, set along side historical developments, and includes electrochemistry basics. This is followed by a section on impedance-based sensors for gases using semiconductors and biosensors (enzyme and immunoassay), and then subsequent sections on Faradaic electrochemical sensors, gas probes and potentiometric sensors (the latter section constitutes about 20% of the text). Interleaved throughout the text are questions and corrected exercises and examples, making this text one of the most enjoyable to work through, after the French text on chemical biophysics by Quintus (the "Group of Five" from Paris V). Each chapter concludes with a selection of exercises, thereby empowering the reader to assess the strengths and limits of his/her knowledge-uptake.

Both books are well-written and well-structured, and are useful for every electrochemistry library – the amount of enjoyment each provides (normalised by their cost) ensures their success on the commercial markets.

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The area of a triangle with (x, y) vertices (0,0), (5,3), (2,6) = JE square units

$$7R+9X+Y+8Z = 128$$
$$9R+3X+4Y+5Z = 94$$
$$5R+7X+2Y+3Z = 94$$
$$5R+2X+8Y+7Y = 128$$
$$I = \frac{C}{Z}$$
$$V = I - G$$

$$z = x^3 - 3x + xy^2$$
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$$H = divgrad(\varphi)$$
 at (2,4,1) where $\varphi = xyz - 2y^2z + x^2z^2$

The area of the surface $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ over the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is: $\pi \sqrt{F - G}$

The total mass of a solid sphere of radius 7 units enclosed by the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 49$ and having variable density c = 1 + r|z|, where *r* is the distance of any point from the origin, is:

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14-15 September 2010 Electrochem 2010 Wolverhampton, Telford, UK *Chair*: C. Oduoza <u>conferences@soci.org</u> <u>susan.fitzgerald@soci.org</u> <u>http://www.soci.org/General-</u> <u>Pages/Display-</u> <u>Event?EventCode=ECTG072</u> 19-22 September 2010 Progress in MEA components for Medium and High Temperature Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells La Grande Motte, France *Chair*. Deborah Jones Deborah.Jones@univ-montp2.fr http://www.progressmea.org

21-24 September 2010 8th International Symposium on Electrochemical Micro & Nanosystem Technologies (EMNT 2010) Cannes Mandelieu (Nice), France *Chair*: P. Marcus; *Co-chairs*: A.W. Hassel, M. Pierre emnt2010@chimie-paristech.fr http://www.chimie-paristech.fr/emnt2010

26 September-1st October 2010 61st Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry Electrochemistry from Biology to Physics Nice, France *Chair*: Bernard Tribollet <u>events@ise-online.org</u> http://event10.ise-online.org/

3-7 October 2010 6th Workshop on Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy Villa Clythia, Frejus, France *Contact*: Philippe Hapiot philippe.hapiot@univ-rennes1.fr

10-15, October 2010 218th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society (ECS) Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

24-29 October 2010 9th International Frumkin Symposium Electrochemical Technologies and Materials for 21st Century Moscow, Russia *Contact:* Alexey Danilov danilov@phyche.ac.ru http://phyche.ac.ru/frumkinsymp/

3-5 November 2010 International Symposium on Portable Fuel Cells Changxing, Zhejiang, China *Chair*. Pei Kang Shen *Secretariat*. Hui Meng <u>stonyps@yahoo.com.cn</u> http://www.fuelcellscn.com 16-19 November 2010 2nd Regional Electrochemistry Meeting of South-East Asia (REMSEA) 2010 Bangkok, Thailand *Contact*: Orawon Chailapakul <u>corawon@chula.ac.th</u> http://www.remsea2010.com/

21-26 November 2010 4th International Conference on Electroactive Polymers: Materials & Devices (ICEP-2010) Surajkund (Suburb of New Delhi), India *Chair*: Suresh Chandra icep2010@gmail.com http://www.icep2010.org

1-4 December 2010 Solar Fuels/Photochemistry Conference 2010 Puerto Morelos, Mexico info@zingconferences.com http://www.zingconferences.com/z.cfm?c=77

2-4 December 2010 9th International Symposium on Advances in Electrochemical Science and Technology (ISAEST-9) Chennai, India Secretariat: G. Sozhan saestkkd@yahoo.com http://www.saest.com

19-21 January 2011 Fundamentals and Developments of Fuel Cells Conference 2011 Grenoble, France *Contact.* Frédéric MAILLARD frederic.maillard@lepmi.inpg.fr http://fdfc2011.lepmi.grenoble-inp.fr/

1-6 May 2011 219th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society (ECS) Montreal, Canada

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9-14 October 2011 220th Meeting of The Electrochemical Society (ECS) Boston, MA, USA

4-7 December 2011 Fray International Symposium on Metals and Materials Processing in a Clean Environment Cancun, Mexico *Chair*: Florian Kongoli <u>fkongoli@flogen.com</u> http://www.flogen.com/FraySymposium



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