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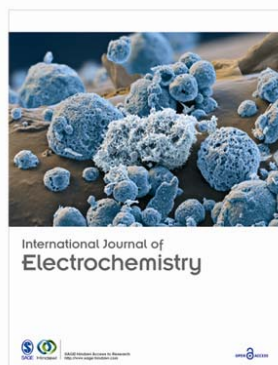
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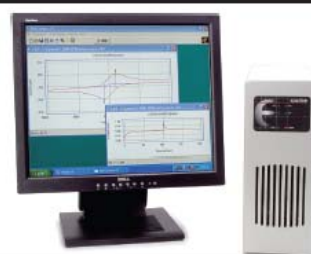
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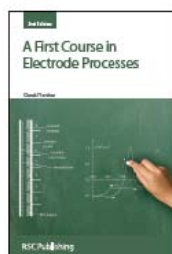
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Series: A First Course in Electrode Processes

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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.

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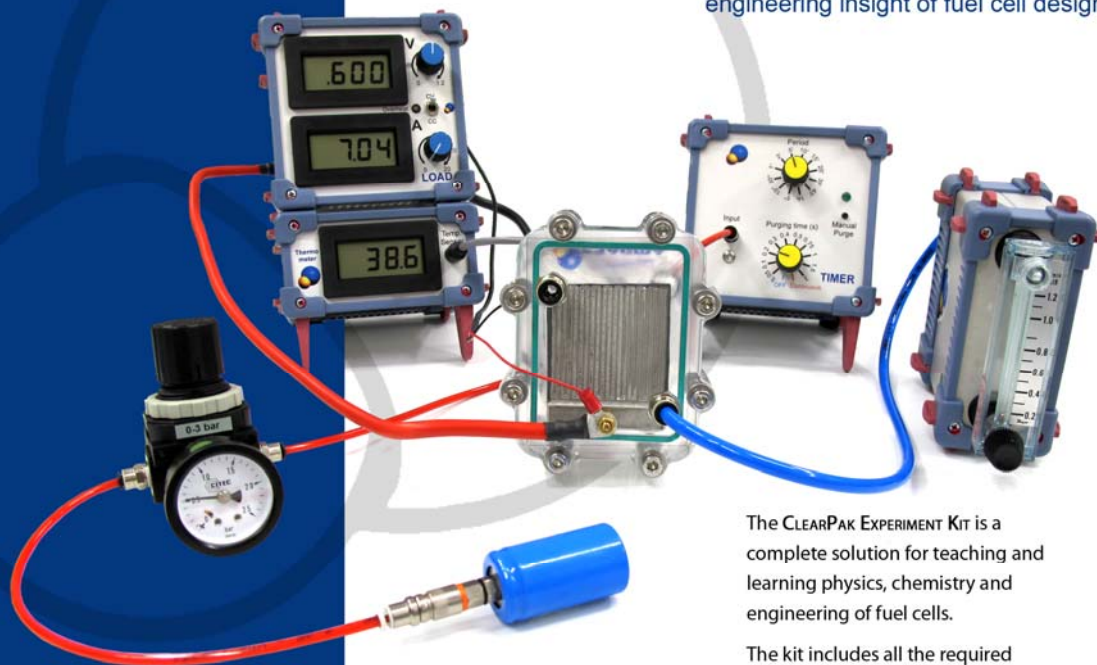
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### s-Module:

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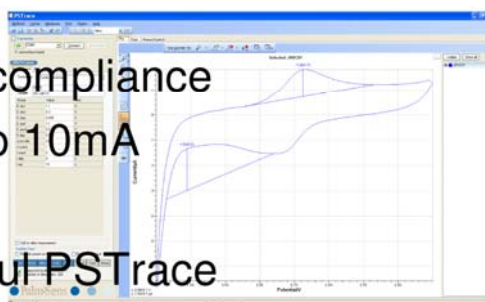




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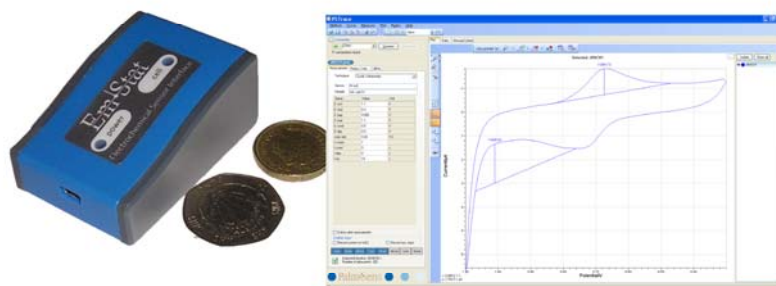


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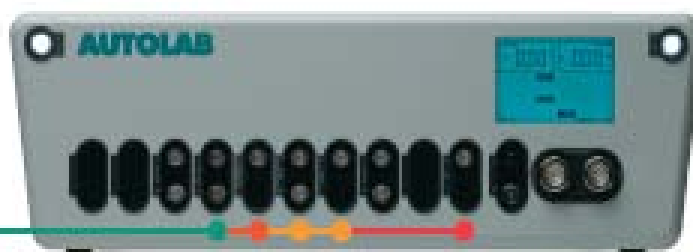
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## Editorial

Oh how WONDERFUL! that only a week after Professor Anny Jutand presented electrochemical investigations with Honorary RSC Fellow Professor Christian Amatore unravelling and highlighting the multiple rôles played by hydroxide ions within the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reaction, at the ISE meeting in Nice, it was announced that Professor Suzuki will be awarded, in part, the 2010 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. Further, as readers may be aware (*q.v.* this magazine, number 105, May 2003, p.13), the only previous ISE meeting I attended, saw Professor Amatore giving a “particularly memorable lecture” on the mechanism of the Heck reaction. How delightful it is that both Professors Heck and Suzuki will be awarded the Nobel Prize this year.

With the main conference season for this year now essentially over, and the new Academic Year well-underway, I am reminded that this is the start of the sixth year that I have been in my current university position, but the first since my election to a fellowship of the Higher Education Academy. What enthuses me most about the academic job is exactly how much I learn from my students, especially those students who work exceptionally hard, and, thereby, with whom, it is a real privilege and pleasure to interact. I had not fully realised experientially, until relatively recently, by just how much even one stunningly-superb student (forgive the alliteration) can change and challenge my own perspectives, by fostering much excitement, enlightenment and enjoyment. So it is with much warmth and heartfelt gratefulness that I feature several people within this issue - electrochemists whose generosity, dedication to their work, perspicacity, intellectual strength, and sheer *joie de vivre* have enriched, at least, my life.

It remains for me to thank all those who have contributed material and ideas for, and advice on, the content of this issue, and in noting the lateness of this issue, to wish you all an enjoyable bonfire and Happy Diwali.



Jay Deep WADHAWAN

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**Missed a copy? You can catch up on all the news *via* our web space hosted by the Royal Society of Chemistry at the following URL.**

**<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/Electrochemistry/news.asp>**

## Congratulations to....



**Dr. Tim ALBRECHT** of **Imperial College, London**, and the ECS representative of the RSC Electrochemistry Group Executive Committee, on his recent marriage.

**Professor Christian AMATORE**, *Honorary Fellow of The Royal Society of Chemistry*, of *Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, France*, on his election to one of the Vice-Presidents of *The International Society of Electrochemistry*.



**Professor Fraser A. ARMSTRONG, FRS**, of **Oxford University**, winner of the **2010 RSC Joseph Chatt Award** for “his development of protein-film electrochemistry, and the invention of technologies that utilize metalloenzymes as components of catalysts to harness sunlight to convert water to hydrogen and to capture carbon dioxide.

**Professor Allen J. BARD** of **The University of Texas at Austin, USA**, on his election to an *Honorary Fellowship of The Royal Society of Chemistry*.



**Dr. Craig E. Banks** of **Manchester Metropolitan University**, on his election to a *Fellowship of The Royal Society of Chemistry*.

**Professor Richard G. COMPTON** of **Oxford University**, on publishing over 1000 research papers, and on his induction into the *Fellowship of The International Society of Electrochemistry*.



**Dr. Soren DENIM** of **The University of Cambridge**, recipient of **2010 RSC Ronald Belcher Award**, for his “work in the area of bioelectrochemistry, and specifically, for his use of the catalytic effect of an enzyme to improve charge transfer rates.” The following has been taken from the RSC website.

“Soren Demin studied for his M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Cambridge in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology under the supervision of Professor E. A. H. Hall in the Analytical Biotechnology group. His Ph.D. thesis entitled *Breaking the barrier to fast electrochemistry* is a look at the deeply buried redox site of glucose oxidase *in situ* via direct fast electrochemistry. This research is aimed at helping the understanding of how biology can be interfaced with electronic components and is applicable in areas of biosensing, photovoltaics and organic computing. He has been previously awarded the Future Leaders in Biotechnology Prize, and is a multiple Cambridge Blue. Currently, he works on technical due-diligence for tier 1 investment banks and hedge funds in the Biotechnology and pharma (*sic.*) industries.”



**President Professor A. Robert HILLMAN**, of Leicester University, *President of The International Society of Electrochemistry*, on his appointment to the **Chair of the Electrochemistry Division of The European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS)**.

**Jason J. HORN, Esq.** on obtaining a Master of Science (Research) degree at **The University of Hull**, and for his appointment to a Research Scientist position at **Belzona, Ltd.**



**Professor Alexei KORNYCHEV** of **Imperial College, London**, recipient of the **2010 RSC Interdisciplinary Prize** for "his many outstanding contributions at the interfaces of Chemistry with both Physics and with Biology."

**Dr. Nathan S. LAWRENCE**, Senior Research Scientist at **Schlumberger Cambridge Research**, recipient of the **2010 RSC Harrison-Meldola Prize** for "research originality and innovation in the field of applied analytical electrochemistry".



**Professor Robin N. PERUTZ**, FRS of **York University** on his election to *Fellow of The Royal Society*.

**Dr. Neil V. REES** of **The Physical and Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory at Oxford University** on his election to a *College Lectureship in Physical Chemistry* at **Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford**.



**Professor Patrick R. UNWIN** of **The University of Warwick**, winner of the **2010 Geoffrey Barker Medal** of *The Royal Society of Chemistry Electrochemistry Interest Group*.

**Dr. Andrew J. Wain** of **The National Physical Laboratory**, on his promotion to a Senior Research Scientist.



The Editor warmly congratulates **Professor Emmanuel MAISONHAUTE** (pictured with Professor Richard G. Compton) of **Université de Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris VI), France** on his appointment within the group UPR 15 CNRS: Laboratoire interfaces et systèmes électrochimiques (LISE), and wishes him the very best of success in his new rôle.



The Editor warmly congratulates **Professor Marc ROBERT** of **Université Paris Diderot (Paris VII), France** on his election to Professeur Classe 1.

The Editor warmly congratulates **Professor Uwe SCHRÖDER** of **Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany** on his new position, and wishes him the very best of success in his new rôle.



The Editor warmly congratulates **Professor Irina SVIR** (pictured mid-right with Sergeant Gabriel Amatore, Dr. Muriel Amatore, Professor Christian Amatore and Professor Richard Compton) on being awarded a four-year grant from Paris ANR.

The Editor warmly congratulates **Dr. Laurent THOUIN** (mid-left, pictured with Dr. Issa Tapsoba, Professor Jean-Noël Verpeaux and Dr. Leila Boubekour) of **Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, France**, on his election to Directeur adjoint UMR 8640-“PASTEUR”, and wishes him the very best of success in his new rôle.



The Editor very warmly congratulates **Jonathan E. HALLS, Esq.**, on graduating with a *Class I (with Honours) degree in Chemistry with Nanotechnology*, from **The University of Hull**, and for being awarded the prestigious *Hopkins Prize for Chemical Sciences* of the Department of Physical Sciences (Chemistry and Physics) at The University of Hull, for “excellence during the course of [his] degree”.

The Editor further congratulates Jonathan on producing a Company Report during his recent, , internship at **Schlumberger Cambridge Research**.

In addition, the Editor warmly, and sincerely, wishes him simply the very the best of success in his new position at **The University of Bath**.



### WARNING! Some of the following material is in French.

The French Chemical Society sends out bi-monthly electronic newsletters which include important technology news from across Europe; the following caught the Editor's eye in the May 15, 2010 newsletter (sent out at 23H38 (Paris time) on May 16, 2010).....



*Dr. Frank MARKEN (top, linguist extraordinaire) with Dr. Petra CAMERON (bottom left) and Dr. David FERMIN (bottom right).*

#### « Du carburant automobile à partir de l'air ambiant »

« Des chercheurs du Sud-Ouest de l'Angleterre travaillent actuellement sur un projet d'1,4 M£ qui pourrait permettre de récupérer le dioxyde de carbone de l'air et le transformer en carburant automobile. Le projet, dirigé par **l'Université de Bath**, est réalisé en collaboration avec des scientifiques et des ingénieurs de **l'Université de Bristol** et de **l'UWE** (University of the West of England).

« Le projet vise à élaborer des matériaux poreux pouvant absorber le gaz responsable du réchauffement climatique et le convertir en produits chimiques qui peuvent être utilisés pour fabriquer du carburant automobile ou de la matière plastique, le tout au cours d'un processus alimenté par l'énergie solaire.

« Plus concrètement, les chercheurs :

- i) développeront des réseaux métallo-organiques (MOF [1] : Metal Organic Frameworks), sortes de matériaux nanoporeux aux capacités d'absorption phénoménales qui peuvent stocker des gaz comme le CO<sub>2</sub> ;
- ii) utiliseront des catalyseurs pour transformer les MOFs en carburant ou en matières plastiques.

Les chercheurs espèrent qu'à l'avenir les matériaux poreux seront utilisés dans les cheminées d'usine afin de récupérer des polluants tels que le dioxyde de CO<sub>2</sub>, et ainsi, réduire les effets du changement climatique. **Selon le Dr Frank MARKEN, maître de conférences en chimie à l'Université de Bath** : « Les procédés actuels reposent sur des technologies distinctes pour capturer et utiliser le CO<sub>2</sub>, ce qui rend le processus très inefficace. En combinant les processus, il est possible d'en améliorer l'efficacité et de réduire au minimum l'énergie nécessaire pour conduire à la réduction de CO<sub>2</sub>. Ce sera un énorme défi, mais nous avons une très bonne équipe interdisciplinaire comprenant des chimistes, des ingénieurs chimistes, des biologistes, et des analystes du cycle de vie ». **Dr Petra CAMERON**, RCUK Fellow, de la faculté de chimie de Bath, espère : « que l'utilisation

des énergies renouvelables pour recycler le CO<sub>2</sub> sera un moyen efficace de réduire la quantité de CO<sub>2</sub> dans l'atmosphère ».

« La collaboration entre les universités de Bath et Bristol réunit des scientifiques de diverses disciplines, y compris des chercheurs de l'I-SEE (Institute for Sustainable Energy & the Environment, Institut pour l'énergie et l'environnement durable), de la faculté de chimie de l'Université de Bristol, du laboratoire de robotique de Bristol (BRL, Bristol Robotics Laboratory), et de la faculté des sciences de la vie de l'UWE. D'après le **Dr Ioannis IEROPOULOS**, du BRL : « l'un des grands avantages de ce projet est qu'il va exploiter les capacités naturelles des micro-organismes à réduire les émissions de CO<sub>2</sub> dans l'atmosphère et dans le même temps produire de l'électricité ou de l'hydrogène ». **Dr David FERMIN** de l'Université de Bristol indique : « qu'à l'heure actuelle, il n'existe pas de technologies à grande échelle disponibles pour la capture et le traitement du CO<sub>2</sub> de l'air. Cela est dû au fait que le CO<sub>2</sub> est plutôt dilué dans l'atmosphère et que sa réactivité chimique est très faible. En combinant un matériau conçu intelligemment à la catalyse hétérogène, l'électrocatalyse et la biocatalyse, notre objectif est de développer une technologie verte efficace ».

« Bien que ce projet, financé par l'Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC, Conseil de recherche pour les sciences physiques et de l'ingénieur), n'en soit qu'à ses débuts, les chercheurs prédisent déjà que cette nouvelle technologie pourrait faire une réelle différence dans la lutte contre le changement climatique.

[1] Les MOF sont des échafaudages d'ions ou d'agréats métalliques reliés par des molécules organiques. Le tout forme une structure poreuse, contrôlable à l'échelle du nanomètre, qui leur confère une surface spécifique phénoménale, souvent supérieure à celle des zéolithes conventionnelles ou du charbon actif, dont c'est pourtant la principale caractéristique. Du coup, ces MOF peuvent capturer beaucoup plus de molécules que les composés conventionnels, qui absorbent typiquement 1% de leur masse. »

Source - University of Bath, 24/03/2010, <http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/2010/03/24/carbon-capture/>  
- USINENOUVELL.COM, 18/12/2008, [http://redirectix.bulletins-electroniques.com/ZWCJbADIT, BE Royaume-Uni \(N° 103, 07 mai 2010\)](http://redirectix.bulletins-electroniques.com/ZWCJbADIT, BE Royaume-Uni (N° 103, 07 mai 2010))



## *In Pictures...*

**Professor Christian AMATORE was elevated to Knight of the Legion of Honour on June 29, 2010 at the Campus des Cordeliers, Paris, France.**



*M. Christian Amatore receiving his medal from M. Pierre Léna.*



*The beautiful Campus des Cordeliers is part of Paris VI and is in the 5<sup>th</sup> district in Paris, opposite Paris V; it used to be a convent.*



*Professor Amatore spoke of the inspiration he received as a student from the late Professor Marc Julia (who tragically passed away earlier that week), and was particularly eloquent in highlighting the admiration he has of Dr. Issa Tapsoba (left), a young lecturer at The University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.*



*Later that evening, over dinner, Professor Amatore celebrated with family and friends.  
Above left: Mme. Amatore (Professor Amatore's mother) with Professor Richard Compton (Oxford University, UK).  
Above right: Professor Christian Amatore with Professor Zineb Mekhalif (Namur University, Belgium).*

## Electrochemical Science and Technology Information Resource (ESTIR)

The ESTIR and related websites operate under the auspices of the Ernest B. Yeager Center for Electrochemical Sciences (YCES), Case Western Reserve University.

Currently only around 50 UK Electrochemistry Groups are featured on this website.

Check them out, update your profile or add your group at the following URL.

[http://electrochem.cwru.edu/estir/grads.htm#United Kingdom](http://electrochem.cwru.edu/estir/grads.htm#United_Kingdom)

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## A message from the President of the Bioelectrochemical Society.

Bioelectrochemistry includes a broad variety of scholarly approaches leading to a better understanding of all living things at the macroscopic, microscopic/single-cell and nanoscopic/molecular level, leading to beneficial applications in medicine, agriculture, industry, and ecology.

As President of the Bioelectrochemical Society (BES) I would like to inform you that the Bioelectrochemical Society has a new webpage <http://www.bioelectrochemical-soc.org> to keep you continuously informed on all the Bioelectrochemical Society activities:

- organization of the biennial symposia, in which several prizes are awarded;
- support of scientific meetings organized by its members,
- publication of the society's official journal Bioelectrochemistry to foment and disseminate bioelectrochemistry research
- the long-term cooperation agreement between BES and ISE and maintaining close relationships with other scientific societies in related fields
- enabling BES membership payment online.

You and your colleagues can become members of BES using the online application form: [http://www.bioelectrochemical-soc.org/members/new\\_members.php](http://www.bioelectrochemical-soc.org/members/new_members.php). The membership fee for 2010 is 40 Euro (10 Euro for age 30 and below).

The benefits of being a member of our Society are a reduced registration fee to attend BES meetings and schools and a reduced-rate subscription to the journal "Bioelectrochemistry".

I cordially invite you to participate in the **XXI BES-2011 Meeting in Cracow, 8-12 May 2011**: [www.bes2011.krakow.pl](http://www.bes2011.krakow.pl)  
Download the leaflet: <http://www.bioelectrochemical-soc.org/general/BES-2011-Cracow.pdf>

The Conference follows the aims of previous conferences featuring all aspects of the highly interdisciplinary area of bioelectrochemistry and bioenergetics, with contributions from the disciplines of biophysics, biotechnology and medical biophysics, and will bring together scientists working at the frontiers of bioelectrochemistry and electrophysiological research. It is hoped that XXI BES-2011 will foment fruitful exchanges of ideas and open up new perspectives for future advances.

Professor Ana Maria Oliveira Brett  
President of the Bioelectrochemical Society



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The response will be communicated to the applicant and to the relevant Regional Representative no later than 1 month after the application submission.

The maximum financial support will be **600 €**; the expected use of the funds must be specified in the application. Co-sponsoring by other Societies and/or institutions is possible.

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## *Student Notice - bis*

The Electrochemical Technology Group of the Society of Chemical Industry (SCI) is developing a post-graduate network for students involved in all areas of electrochemistry and electrochemical engineering.

The network will provide a forum for discussions, symposia and networking events and seeks to engage its members with the wider activities of the SCI.

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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For further information on the SCI and the Electrochemical Technology Group, please visit our website:

<http://www.soci.org/Membership-and-Networks/Technical-Groups/Electrochemical-Technology-Group.aspx>

## *Student Notice - tris*

### **2010 Postgraduate Research Topics Meeting in Electroanalysis**

8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> class off-peak rail fare with student rail card) for speakers.
- The program of talks will start at 2.00pm with an anticipated finish by 5.00pm.
- Contributors are requested to offer a title as soon as possible and will receive rapid confirmation regarding speaking slots. Presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes with the opportunity of 5 minutes questions.
- The meeting will take place in Birkbeck Main Building, Birkbeck, University of London Malet Street, Bloomsbury, London WC1E 7HX.

## Student Conference Bursaries

The Student Bursary Scheme provides financial support to promising postgraduate students to attend a major electrochemistry conference abroad. This includes UK based students travelling to a conference abroad and students based abroad wishing to attend a conference in the UK. The Bursary Scheme is open to all postgraduate student members of the RSC's Electrochemistry Group undertaking research in electrochemistry. Applications shall consist of:

- (i) the application form (download from <http://www.rsc.org/lap/rsccom/dab/fara005bursary.htm>),
- (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*).

Applications may be made at any time of the year and shall be submitted to the Group Secretary in electronic form.

**The selection committee of the Electrochemistry Group shall decide the sum awarded. Under normal circumstances this sum shall not exceed £300.**

*Successful applicants shall produce a conference report article for the Newsletter. The Editor asks applicants and their supervisors to note this particular condition, and respectfully requests that successful applicants send in their report *quam primum*.*

Candidates should submit their applications directly to the Dr. Frank Marken, the Group Secretary ([f.marken@bath.ac.uk](mailto:f.marken@bath.ac.uk)).

# Job Opportunity



## 1-year postdoctoral position

### Synthesis of organic and organometallic redox probes for the development of electrochemical amphetamine sensors based on aptamer recognition.

**Employer:** CNRS

**Contract type:** Contract/Project (1 year)

**Workplace:** Paris, Laboratoire d'Electrochimie Moléculaire (LEM), Université Paris Diderot

**Skill area:** Organic Chemistry – Surface Modification

**Years of experience:** ≤ 2 years after PhD

**Salary range:** 2500 euros/month

**Starting date :** 01/02/2011

#### Employer:

A postdoctoral position is available for 1 year at the department of Chemistry, Université Paris Diderot in the field of organic chemistry and electrochemistry. This postdoctoral is funded by the ANR (Agence Nationale de la Recherche). The research team from LEM/ITODYs participating in this project have recognised skills in the fields of organic and organometallic synthesis, and more specifically in the chemical modification of redox probes and their use in analytical applications.

#### Mission – Description of the project:

In the past 10 years, identification and rapid screening of amphetamine-based drugs have become a major public health issue as a consequence of their increasingly frequent and commonplace consumption. Today, the screening techniques used for amphetamines and their associated metabolites are performed on urine samples, using spectroscopical methods. In order to progress in this direction, we plan to replace antibodies with aptamers having enantioselective recognition properties with respect to amphetamine derivatives, and to change the optical measurement of an enzyme label activity by the electrochemical detection.

The project is multi-disciplinary and requires complementary competences of several teams recognised in the respective distinct domains, ranging from the selection of aptameric sequences to the chemical labelling of nucleic acid sequences with redox active compounds, including the functionalisation of conducting surfaces and the development of bioanalytical techniques, as well as the modelling of physicochemical processes occurring at interfaces.

The heart of the present proposal is centred on the design and the implementation of an electrochemical aptasensor having enantioselective recognition properties with respect to a class of amphetamine derivatives.

In this project, the post-doc will be in charge of 1) The design and synthesis of the redox markers, 2) The modification of aptamers and 3) The functionalisation of target molecules by redox markers. An important objective will be also to develop a generic synthesis methodology for the bi-functionalisation of nucleic acids with labels and surface anchoring groups.

#### Candidates profiles

This position requires a PhD in chemistry obtained for no longer than 2 years. The successful candidate should have a strong background in organic and organometallic chemistry. Knowledge in functionalisation of nucleic acids and purification using chromatographic techniques and also electrochemistry would be appreciated as well. The candidate has to be familiar with a range of experimental and characterization techniques, and has good communications skills (ability to communicate fluently in French or English).

**If you are interested, please send your application containing CV and motivation letter to Dr. Claire Fave ([claire.fave@univ-paris-diderot.fr](mailto:claire.fave@univ-paris-diderot.fr))**



*Future Events*

[www.regonline.co.uk/electrochem\\_2011](http://www.regonline.co.uk/electrochem_2011)

## ***Electrochemical Horizons***



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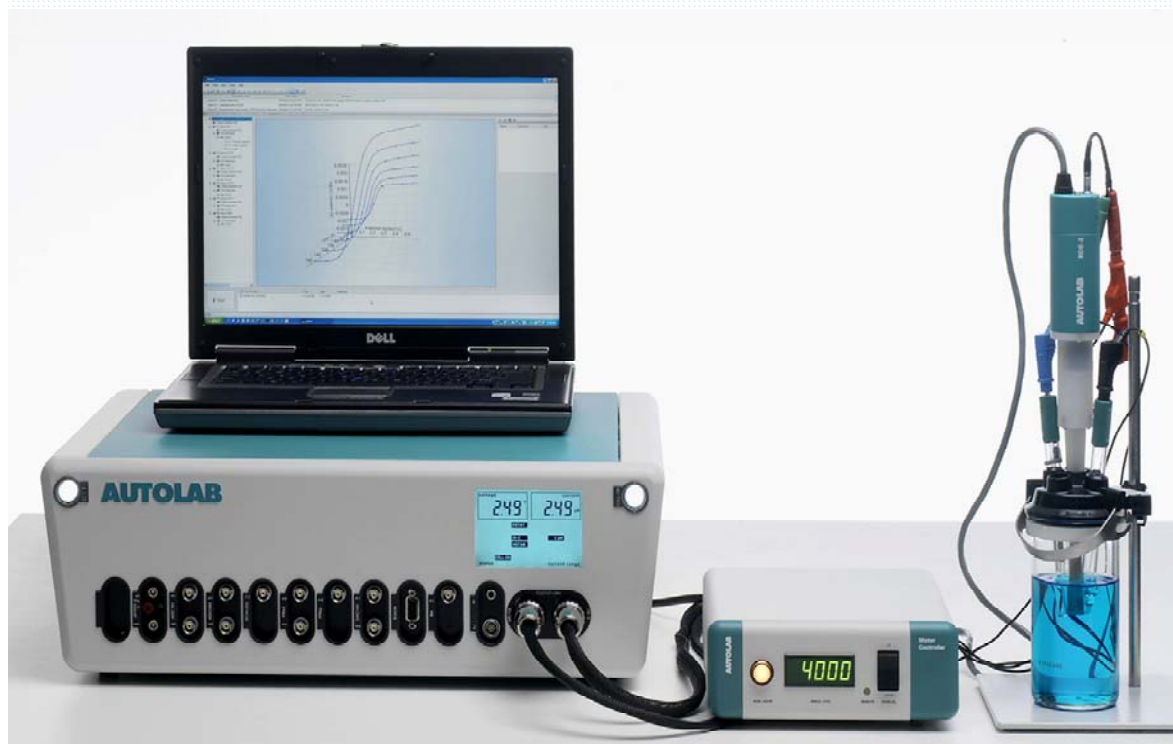
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#### **Tuesday 25 January**

**12.30 Registration**

**13.00 Lunch**

13.50 Introductory Remarks

14.00 *Overview of Voltammetry in the Application Areas.* **Richard Jacobs**, Metrohm UK

14.45 *Breath Sensing in Medical Diagnosis and Monitoring.* **Prof. David Walton**, Coventry University

15.20 *Sensors and Metrology for Fuel Cells.* **Dr Dan Brett**, University College London

15.55 *Electroanalytical Sensing at a Liquid - Liquid Interface.* **Dr Ritu Katakya**, University of Durham

**16.30 Tea & Exhibition**

#### **Wednesday 26 January**

**09.15 Registration & Coffee**

09.50 Introductory Remarks

10.00 *Overview of pH in the Application Areas.* **Dr Nathan Lawrence**, Schlumberger UK

10.45 *Trace Metal Determination and Speciation in the Marine Environment using Gold Solid Electrodes.*

**Dr Salaun Pascal**, University of Liverpool

11.20 *Protein Engineering in Electroanalytical Sensors.* **Prof. Lisa Hall**, University of Cambridge

11.55 *Electrochemical Sensing of Volcanic Plumes.* **Dr Tjarda Roberts**, Norwegian Polar Institute, Tromsø

**12.30 Lunch & Exhibition**

14.00 *The electrochemical detection of wound infection using micro fibres.* **Prof. James Davis**, University of Ulster

14.35 *Nanostructured conducting polymer-modified electrodes for environmental monitoring and industrial detection.* **Dr Tony Killard**, Dublin City University

15.10 *The use of metal nano-particles in electroanalytical immunoassays.* **Dr Robert Porter**, Argento, UK

15.50 Closing Remarks

**16.00 Tea & Exhibition**

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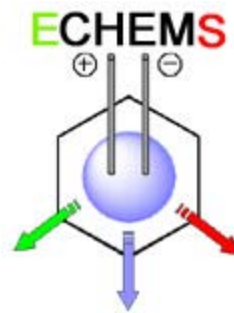




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Paris, France

23 - 26 May 2011



Following the success of the previous editions of [ElecNano](#) 1-3 (2006, 2008 and 2009) and [ECHEMS](#) 1-6, the electrochemistry group of the French Chemical Society, the electrochemists of the University Denis Diderot Paris and the Scientific committee of the ECHEMS decided to join their effort to sort out a **joint meeting Elecnano<sup>4</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> ECHEMS**. This edition will be held in Paris from **May 23 to 26 of year 2011**.

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## SCOPE

To celebrate 2011 as International Year of Chemistry (IYC), 4<sup>th</sup> ISEAC International Discussion Meet on Electrochemistry and its Applications (DM-ISEAC-2011) is being organised under the aegis of Indian Society for ElectroAnalytical Chemistry (ISEAC) at Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India during February 7-10, 2011. The DM-ISEAC-2011 is aimed at updating the scientists with the latest developments in the field and exposing the participants to new developments in the electroanalytical techniques and innumerable applications of electrochemistry in different areas. The Scientific Programme of DM-ISEAC-2011 would consist of tutorials as well as lectures on advanced electrochemistry and its applications by Specialists from Universities, Industries and R&D Establishments from within India and Overseas. The Discussion Meet will also include oral and poster presentations of contributed papers. The scientific program will cover the following domains:

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- Electrochemical modeling and simulations
- Electrochemical sensors
- Electrochemistry for solar cells and fuel cells
- Electrochemistry in health and environmental sciences
- Electrochemistry in nanoscience and nanotechnology
- Electrochemistry in nuclear science and technology
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- Electrophoresis
- Solid state electrochemistry

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## POSTER & ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Selected Contributed Papers will be presented as either Posters (~1m×1m) or A4 Glossy papers (Max. 9 pages). The author(s) will have to be present for discussions during the time specified for poster session. The posters will be evaluated by a panel of judges for awards.

Research Scholars who are working in the area of electrochemistry are encouraged to present their work in the Discussion Meet. The duration of the presentation would be 15 minutes. A panel of judges will evaluate the Research Scholars’ oral presentations for awards.

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### GET-TOGETHER

Registration and a social get-together are planned for all the delegates in the evening of February 6, 2011 (Sunday) at Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

### TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

- **Kovalam Beach** : Fringed by headlands that rise steeply above the shore, Kovalam is almost completely covered by coconut palms.
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- **Kanyakumari** : At the southernmost tip of India, where the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal meet, lies Kanyakumari, an important pilgrim center. Kanyakumari is famous for watching spectacular sunrises and sunsets, especially on full moon days.
- **Ponmudi** : A salubrious hill station just 61 km away from Thiruvananthapuram.

The Editor is delighted to feature **Dr. Sarah L. HORSWELL** (right) in this issue. Sarah has been a **Lecturer in Physical Chemistry** at **The University of Birmingham** since October, 2004, where her research group actively participates in the *EU Seventh Framework Programme of Surface Electrochemical Reactivity in Electrocatalysis (ELCAT)*. ELCAT is a Marie Curie Initial Training Network that provides young scientists with a range of research experience, with emphasis on the combination of theoretical and experimental approaches, and networking opportunities.



Having first obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Natural Sciences (Chemistry specialism) at King's College, Cambridge, in 1994, Sarah undertook postgraduate training at The University of Liverpool, first obtaining a Master of Science degree in Surface Science and Heterogeneous Catalysis, followed by doctoral research in the area of *The electrochemistry of platinum-isocyanide nanostructured systems*, working under the auspices of **Professor David J. SCHIFFRIN** and defending her thesis via *viva voce* examination in 1999. Following a fifteen-months post-doctoral research stage in the group of **Professor Jacek LIPKOWSKI** at The University of Guelph based in Ontario, Canada, Sarah returned to Europe to consolidate her educative experience in the group of **Professor Dr. Bruno PETTINGER** at the Fritz Haber Institut der Max Planck Gesellschaft in Berlin, Germany, first as a Marie Curie Research Fellow for two years, followed by a year as a Guest Scientist.

Sarah's research is focused on the application of *in situ* optical techniques, particularly infra-red spectroscopy, to study adsorption processes at metallic electrode surfaces. Of particular and topical interest is the effect of the electric field on the conformation adopted by phospholipid bilayers assembled on electrode surfaces, with other interests including the **fundamental study of the interfacial processes** involved in, *inter alia*, **electrocatalysis** and the **modification of surfaces with organic molecules and/or nanoparticles**. The underlying theme of Sarah's research is thus in the transformation and translation of the physicochemical insights obtained *via* rigorous investigation into potential exploitation *via* the development of new materials, sensors or catalysts.

Find out more at the following URLs.

<http://www.chem.bham.ac.uk/staff/horswell.shtml>

<http://www.elcat.org.gu.se/>



It is with the greatest of pleasure that the Editor features **Dr. Nathan S. LAWRENCE** (left), a **Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry** and a **Senior Research Scientist at Schlumberger Cambridge Research** where he is **Co-Leader of the Physical Chemistry Special Interest Group** within the Global Schlumberger Corporation, within this Portal.

Born in April, 1978, Nathan was awarded a Bachelor of Arts (with unclassified Honours) degree in Chemistry at St. John's College, Oxford in June, 1999, and a Class I (with Honours) Master of Chemistry Degree with Quantum Chemistry Supplementary Subject in July, 2000. He authored a Physical Chemistry textbook aimed at easing the transition from Advanced Level to University Chemistry with Professor Richard G. Compton and Jay Wadhawan (*Foundations of physical chemistry: worked examples, Oxford Chemistry Primer 68, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999*) during the second year of his undergraduate study, during which period he was recipient of five College Book Prizes for performance in Collections between 1998 - 2000, the ICI Physical Chemistry Practical Prize in July, 1999, and was awarded the Part II Physical Chemistry Thesis Prize in July, 2000, for his work on the *Electroanalysis of sulfhydryl species*, supervised by **Professor James DAVIS** and **Professor Richard G. COMPTON**. Nathan remained at Oxford University to experience doctoral research under the auspices of **Professor**

**Richard G. COMPTON** on the *Electrochemical detection of hydrogen sulfide*, completing after *viva voce* examination by **Professor Damian ARRIGAN** in August, 2003, having been elected to the **Royal Society of Chemistry Ronald Belcher Lectureship in Analytical Chemistry** in April, 2001. Following one year of post-doctoral study in the group of **Professor Joseph WANG**, then based at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico, United States of America, Nathan obtained a position at **Schlumberger Cambridge Research**, in September, 2004. In 2007, Nathan was elected to the Editorial Board of *The Open Electrochemistry Journal*.

Nathan's research (approximately 110 publications, leading to an Hirsch-index of twenty-seven, over twenty company reports, and eight separate patent family applications, two of which have been granted) is primarily within the field of applied analytical electrochemistry, but he has a penchant for the rigorous and erudite investigation in isolating and understanding key physicochemical and mechanistic aspects of the electrochemical system under his study. This insightful and heuristic strategy has enabled him to translate his innovations into the development of highly sensitive and robust chemical sensing protocols, and transform those into reliable and durable oilfield sensors (for environmentally toxic and corrosive gases such as hydrogen sulfide), or for the measurement of pH. The underpinning value of his research is thus in highly sophisticated analyticophysical chemistry problem-solving for complex real-world applications, and which has seen the augmentation of wealth-creation within the United Kingdom and beyond.

Nathan is a natural leader in research, whose perspicacity in his science has additionally been recognised in the form of invited tutorial lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate audiences at several universities, including the prestigious Universities of Cambridge, UK, and Milan, Italy, and is highlighted by one of his recent honours as recipient of the **2010 Harrison-Meldola Prize of The Royal Society of Chemistry**. This is further compounded by his successes in leveraging grant income for research from internal funds, external bodies (including EPSRC-KTS), and for chemical education and development from the UK Higher Education Academy. His desire to disseminate his knowledge and experiences in both research activities and in educational training is especially admirable given his current position within a corporate environment.

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# Meeting Reports

## 2010 Great Western Electrochemistry Meeting

June 15, 2010, The University of Bath, Bath Spa

The Great Western Electrochemistry meeting was held in Bath with postgraduate student presentations from the South-West and beyond. The day started with a few coffees and 10.30 kick off with a presentation by Gabriela Kissling from the University of Bristol entitled "Photoelectrochemistry of Alkane Thiol Assemblies at Single Crystal Semiconductors as a Model for Ligand Stabilised Quantum Dots". In her talk Gabriela described the effects introduced by ligand coatings on CdSe quantum dots. The first session continued with two presentations from the Oxford group with Chris Batchelor-McAuley talking about "The Electrochemistry of Biologically Relevant Molecules; Analysing Complex Mechanistic Pathways" and Edmund Dickinson presenting "Dynamic Theory of Liquid Junction Potentials". Both presentations provided a fundamental level insight into important mechanisms. Chris Batchelor-McAuley discussed quinone based redox systems with complex multi-step electron transfer reactivity. Edmund's presentation shed new light on the physical reality behind liquid junction potentials, which have confused electrochemists back to the days of Planck.

After a short break, Dr. Javier Del Campo from the National Microfabrication Centre at the Universidad de Barcelona in Spain presented the guest lecture entitled "Microfabrication of Electrodes". In his talk Javier explained the processes involved in modern lithographic processes and the design of novel HIV biosensors with micro-electrode arrays. Next, Juan Limon-Petersen from Oxford University presented a talk entitled "Cyclic Voltammetry under Weakly Supported Conditions". Juan's work is aimed at the fundamental understanding of migration processes and their effect on complex electrode processes. With new computer simulation tools he is able to quantitatively dissect cyclic voltammetry data for processes involving multi-step electron transfer and disproportionation. He convinced the audience that changing the concentration of the supporting electrolyte provides a new powerful tool for mechanistic analysis on par to experimentally more difficult diffusion geometry analysis.

2010 Great Western Electrochemistry Meeting University of Bath, Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Poster Prize</b> "Alloys by Precision Electrodeposition" <u>S. E. Ward Jones</u> , I. Kazeminezhad and W. Schwarzacher University of Bristol	 <b>RSC</b>   Advancing the Chemical Sciences
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Presentation Prize</b> "Dynamic Theory of Liquid Junction Potentials" <u>Edmund Dickinson</u> University of Oxford	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation Prize</b> "Electrochemically Grown Hydrogel Membranes" <u>Eleanor Johnson</u> University of Bath	

The first of two contributions from the Bath team was given by Naing Tun Thet entitled "Interaction of Bacterial Toxins with Lipid Bilayer Membrane: An Electrochemical Impedance Study". In his work Thet is identifying and quantifying the presence of dangerous bacteria, for example in wound dressings. An impedance method based on a lipid modified gold electrode is demonstrated to detect the ion-channels induced by bacterial toxins. Eleanor Johnson presented a talk on "Electrochemically Grown Hydrogel Membranes". Dipeptide hydrogels are intriguing assemblies and in this presentation electron microscopy and spectroscopic analysis of electrochemically grown hydrogel films were discussed.

After lunch, Lucy Gilbert from the University of West England (UWE) presented "Development of a Biosensor Based on Screen-Printed Carbon

Electrodes for the Determination of Inorganic Phosphate for Applications in Biomedical and Environmental Samples". This enzyme based detection method was then contrasted to a novel dual electrode method introduced by Kevin Honeychurch from UWE. In his talk "Cyclic Voltammetric Behaviour of Rohypnol, Ativan and Valium and Its Exploitation for Their Determination in Serum Using a Novel Method involving Liquid Chromatography-Dual Electrode Detection" Kevin described an end-column detector method where analyte is first electrolysed at a fixed pre-treatment potential and then detected at a second electrode. This results in much improved selectivity and sensitivity. Jonathan Winfield from the UWE Robotics Laboratory introduced the concept of microbial electrochemistry in his talk entitled

"Electricity Production from Wastewater Treatment Using a Cascade of Microbial Fuel Cells". The potential for electricity generation based on municipal waste was shown to be excellent when based on a step-by-step process with microbial communities adapted to certain waste components.

Daniel Staff from the Department of Physics at the University of Bath presented his work on "Using Nanotubes to Represent Pores in Nanocrystalline  $\text{TiO}_2$ ". In a combination of experimental and computer simulation work exploring the mechanism of dye ingress into mesoporous media. Next, Wiphada Hongthani from the University of Bristol presented "Electrochemistry of Undoped High Pressure High Temperature Diamond Assemblies". In this talk surface redox chemistry and effects of bulk states in pure diamond nanoparticles were contrasted and the intriguing behaviour of self-assembled films analysed with voltammetric methods. Huaining Hu from the University of Bath presented "A Green Approach to Energy-Biophotovoltaic Cells". In her talk the colonisation of specifically designed substrates for algal growth and the resulting light-harvesting effects were demonstrated. Similar to the microbial energy generation from waste water, this talk opens up intriguing possibility for energy production based on entirely new bio-technology.

After a coffee break the final session of the day was started by Elena Guillen, visiting from Seville University, with a presentation entitled "ZnO Dye-Sensitised Solar Cells". The effects of ZnO materials and new sensitizer dyes were discussed. Next, Wilman Septina, visiting from Osaka University, presented "Fabrication of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}/\text{AZO}$  Heterojunction Solar Cells based on Electrodeposited  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  Thin Films". In contrast to the work on dye sensitised cells, these heterojunction cells are purely solid inorganic devices using Cu and Al as benign sustainable materials. The day ended with two contributions from the University of Bath. Andrew Collins presented a talk on "Photo-Voltammetry of Reactions at the Microdroplet Triple Phase Boundary" in which potential light harvesting processes based on rhodamine dye in a microdroplet array were investigated. John Watkins discussed the "Synthesis, Characterisation, and Applications of Cationic Carbon Nanoparticles" which provide new building blocks for nano-structures and sensor assemblies. The day concluded with a wine reception and further discussion and refreshments off campus.

Eleonor K. Johnson and Dr. Frank Marken  
University of Bath

**The Editor thanks the authors of the winning poster for allowing its reproduction on the following page, and gratefully thanks Dr. Frank MARKEN for communicating this poster.**





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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Electrochem North West: Electrochemical Applications

June 21, 2010, The University of Bangor, Bangor



*The student speakers: how many can you name?*

The Electrochem North West 8<sup>th</sup> annual workshop was held in Bangor, Wales, organised by Dr. Chris Gwenin. The symposium, entitled 'Electrochemical applications', highlighted the diversity of research exploiting similar techniques with hugely different intent, from assessing the effectiveness of biological membrane mimics to surface decontamination in nuclear power plants. The people who attended the day event were treated to six talks starting with John Jones from the host Welsh university, giving a fine definition and discussing select parts of top secret investigations into electro-coagulation. He was followed by the limping, yet still glamorous, Miss Daniela Plana all the way from the University of Manchester. Daniela gave an excellent talk entitled 'Oxidation of Dimethylamine Borane on Single Crystal Electrodes: Implications for Electroless

Deposition and Borohydride Fuel Cells' (a snappier title I cannot imagine), disproving many assumptions regarding the mechanism of this much used yet poorly understood reducing agent.

The next talk, given by Richard Wilbraham from Lancaster University, was the award winning presentation of the day, earning him free registration and a slot at the Electrochem 2010 meeting, so anyone unfortunate enough to have missed out has the opportunity to learn more about his work, 'Surface Decontamination by Photocatalysis'. The topic was interesting and novel research well presented so well done him! This proved a tough act to follow but was done so by James Dickinson from the same institution. His presentation of research developing photoelectrochemical sensors entitled 'Graphene based Microelectrodes' raised many queries from the academics in the audience but luckily they were hungry so had to let him escape so we could break for lunch.



*Richard Wilbraham with Dr. Chris Gwenin.*

After taking in some excellent views and nibbles, the meeting resumed with Gita Sedghi from the University of Liverpool leading us through the interesting world of porphyrin molecular wires in her talk entitled 'Single Molecule Electrochemistry'. Wrapping up the day's talks was Matej Velicky from the University of Manchester with 'Permeability Measurements under Hydrodynamic Control' showing his adaptation of a rotating disk electrode set up being used to mimic the conditions in the small intestine. Inspirational!

After all this excitement the considerate hosts provided some wine to aid relaxation and after a while marvelling at the tiny potentiostat (exhibited by sponsors Alvatek), adopting some free stationary and discussing the many ideas shared during the course of the workshop it was all over with just enough time left for a jaunt to the beach. An excellent occasion, thanks to everyone involved, including the meeting organisers at Bangor and its sponsors (Alvatek, Windsor Scientific and the RSC Electrochemistry group).

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## 2010 Warwick Analytical Group Electroanalytical Chemistry Workshop

September 16-17, 2010, The University of Warwick, Coventry

In previous years, my supervisor encouraged his students to attend the Winter or Summer Schools for training based at Bath University or Southampton University, respectively, so I was keen to try something different, and this meeting, hosted by Professors Patrick Unwin and Julie Macpherson, presented an appealing new opportunity. Moreover, the very generous hosts very kindly waived the registration charge, for which I am extremely grateful.

With the weather being somewhat overcast on arrival, it presented an opportunity to network with fellow students and workshop speakers over luncheon, whilst excitingly buzzing with anticipation to listen, learn and enjoy the forthcoming talks. The latter commenced promptly at 14H00, after a short welcome by Professor Macpherson, with an interesting talk by Professor Alan Bond of Monash University, Australia on *Electrochemistry of Ionic Liquids*. These so-called “neoteric solvents” appear to have many applications for a diverse range of electrochemical processes. Following this, Professor Danny O'Hare of Imperial College, London energised the audience with his simply wonderful presentation on *Life Sciences Applications*, extolling the virtues of measurements at microelectrodes to study the chemical reactions *within* biological cells, *via* a series of exquisitely-elegant experiments (forgive the alliteration). The talks for the first day concluded with a fascinating talk by Professor Robert Dryfe of the University of Manchester on *Electrochemistry at Liquid / Liquid Interfaces*. This hugely engaging talk commenced with the key concepts underpinning this type of interfacial charge transfer, eloquently translating the mathematical expressions into key physicochemical insights, and provided an overview of the applications of these delicate manipulations.



How many of the Warwick Electrochemistry and Interfaces Group (pictured above), who hosted the meeting, can *you* name?

The evening of the first day presented an opportunity for the graduate learners to communicate their latest research findings *via* an impressive poster session. I found this knowledge exchange forum to be a simply superb opportunity to enhance my understanding of the subject, whilst enabling me to improve my presentation skills. This session was followed by a walk to the university restaurant for a delicious dinner with wine – an opportunity for social communication that I enjoyed so much that I almost forgot to book into my accommodation!

The addressing of “information asymmetry” continued the following morning, after a brief introduction by Professor Unwin, with an impressive talk by Professor Hubert Girault of EPFL in Lausanne, Switzerland on *Electrochemical Mass Spectrometry*. This was followed by two hugely enjoyable talks from the host institution: Professor Mark Dowsett on *Synchrotron Electrochemistry* and a delightful presentation by Professor Macpherson on the applications of SECM to understand and unravel *New Forms of Carbon Electrochemistry*.

After lunch, we were presented with the opportunity of listening to Dr. Andy Wain (of the National Physical Laboratory) and Dr. Chris Slevin (of Alere Technologies). These talks emphasised the utilisation of academic research *beyond* the Graduate School, *via* the industrial applications of electrochemistry. Dr. Slevin spoke about the varied opportunities for electrochemists within industry, with Dr. Wain presenting, in a magnificent talk, perspicacious insights into electrochemical measurement science.

Professor Macpherson concluded the meeting, and, refreshingly-energised, better educated, and utterly-ephoric from the event, we all left, having made new acquaintances and improved our understanding and skill-set. This workshop, which covered a huge range of electrochemical expertise, has been a smashing opportunity for, at least, this Ph.D. student, and I once again thank Professor Macpherson and Professor Unwin (and the Warwick Electrochemistry and Interfaces Group) for organising the meeting, and for so very generously allowing me to attend with a waived registration fee.

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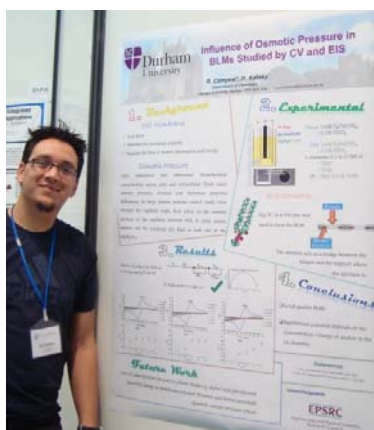




## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The International Society of Electrochemistry

### Electrochemistry: From Biology to Physics

September 26 – October, 1, 2010, Nice, France



*Rui Campos, Esq. with his nice poster at the ISE meeting in Nice.*

This is a brief report regarding the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the ISE that I attended as a delegate. The meeting took place in the French Riviera, more precisely Nice. The ISE Annual Meeting is a major international conference, the scope of which was extended to all topics in electrochemistry research.

The conference was attended by 1820 delegates who had 16 symposiums to choose from, such as Analytical Electrochemistry, Bioelectrochemistry, Energy conservation and storage, Corrosion science, Electrodeposition, Electrochemical processes, Molecular and Interfacial Electrochemistry, Sensors and Biosensors, Electrochemistry on a local scale, Surface Functionalization and Modelling and Simulation of processes, with the purpose to highlight all the recent advances in electrochemical research.

The meeting started on Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, with the registration and two Tutorial Lectures,

- Redox Protein and Redox Enzyme Electrochemistry: Fundamental Studies and Applications, and
- Electrochemical Quartz Crystal Microbalance.

All the days started with a plenary lecture from which I must highlight the one delivered by Professor **Andrew Ewing** (Department of Chemistry, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden) where he presented some of the work that he and his team have developed during the last few years, and the one by Professor **Allen Bard** (The University of Texas, Austin, USA). It is always a pleasure to listen to such enthusiastic speakers.

My days were divided between different symposiums but I dedicated more time to Symposiums 2 (**Environment, Water and Analytical Electrochemistry**), 3 (**Bioelectrochemistry. From Fundamentals to Applications with a Special Focus on Nanostructured Material**) and 11 (**Sensors and Biosensors**).

One topic that really interests me is Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy and it was fulfilling to attend keynotes and invited speakers talking about this technique applied to the different areas of electrochemistry. Dr Isabelle Frateuer (CNRS, Chimie Paris Tech, Paris, France) presented the incentives for using Local Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (LEIS) in a simple, yet very complete, way.

The two posters sessions, Monday and Tuesday were excellent opportunities for informal discussions. My poster (presented on Tuesday) garnered considerable interest from the attendees.

I gratefully acknowledge the financial support from the Electrochemistry Group of Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) for attending the conference

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The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry was held in Nice, France from 26 September to 1 October 2010. Nice is the fifth largest town in France. The weather was very pleasant during the period of the conference was held *i.e.* sunny and temperate climate. The atmosphere in there was very comfortably with the beauty of the seaside and some interesting places.



The theme for this year was *Electrochemistry from Biology to Physics*. Officially, the conference kicked off on Monday morning at Acropolis with the opening ceremony followed by first plenary lecture given by Andrew Ewing. He explained three important aspects of electrochemical analysis of neurotransmitter release. Furthermore, he mentioned the important of making smaller sensor (micro and nanosize) for monitoring neurotransmitter. Everybody was then moved to various rooms for the parallel sessions. Before that, the organisers made an announcement that photographs and video recording were not permitted during the conference held.



Yusran Sulaiman, Esq. outside the Acropolis Conference Centre, Nice.

There were 16 parallel symposia related to electrochemistry which consist interdisciplinary research such as electroactive polymers, inorganic electroactive solids, nanocomposite, surface functionalisation, interfacial electrochemistry, sensor and biosensor *etc.* In each symposium, there were keynote and invited speakers that well-known among electrochemists.

The main subject that I interested in the most was electroactive polymers and sensor and biosensor symposium, which are related to my research. There were many new electroactive polymers have been synthesised and presented in this conference such as poly(benzopyrene), poly(1,8-diaminocarbazole) and poly(3,4-butylendioxythiophene). However, poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) is still the most commonly investigated. Due to

the intrinsic feature of conducting polymers, the application is mainly focus on fabricating organic semiconductors, solid state capacitors, chemical sensor and solid-state ion-selective electrodes. A professor from Åbo Akademi University, Prof. Johan Bobacka introduced a solid-contact reference electrode using carbon cloth. This reference electrode has resulted good performance.

The poster sessions were held on Monday and Tuesday evening, after the oral presentation end on that day. There were hundreds of people in the poster session area which make the atmosphere very hot. Supposedly, the air conditioning would be switch on this time, which I think this is one of the lacking in this conference. However, the posters presented were very informative. I did manage to



How many truly-English electrochemists can **you** spot enjoying walking at the solid | electrolyte interface?



*The fountains in the eastern part of the city are surely the nice-est!*

ask a couple of questions to some of the poster presenters which can enhance my knowledge in electrochemistry.

On Wednesday afternoon, the conference organisers arranged some social programmes which include a trip to Grasse, Monte Carlo, Tourrettes/Loup/St Paul de Vence, Cimiez and Marc Chagall Museum. Due to the financial constraint, I was not able to join any trip. Hopefully, everybody enjoyed the conference and the trips. There were also attendance from instrument manufacturers and exhibitors in this conference such as Princeton Applied Research/Solartron Analytical, Uniscan Instruments, Springer, Elsevier, *etc.* that show their support to the electrochemistry community.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Electrochemistry Group for financial support.

Good luck to Niigata for 62nd Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry.

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### *Brownian Motion: Fluctuations, Dynamics and Applications*

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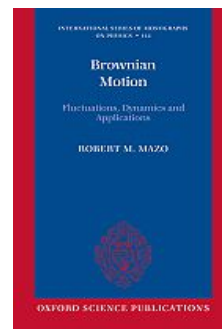
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My daily commute to work starts at the train station in Beverley, East Yorkshire, as, having failed the driving practical exam five times, it is better that I stay off the roads! It always amuses me that since the train tracks in the direction north-to-south are particularly straight (for a considerable distance), and since the area is reasonably flat, a few minutes before the train arrives, as I look towards the approaching train (vying to get the most unperturbed view, only sacrificing this so as to try to ensure that I do not topple head-first into the pathway of the incoming train!) I see merely a distant yellow spot (the approaching terminal end of the Northern Trains train), which, whilst straining my eyes so that they are always focussed on this spot, appears only to get more and more INTENSE! as the train approaches. The effect is most dramatically-surreal at this time of year when the fog from the River Hull heavily suffocates the bare surrounding waste grounds and fields. The fascination I have is not due to some innate desire to empathise intimately with the square in Reverend Abbott's *Flatland*, but rather to seek to experience dimensionality (without having to measure my expanding waistline). Of course, reading does help, and, having, some years ago, been sufficiently aroused by Berg's biological boulderings, Rice's volume in Compton's CCK, and Wilmott's exotic futures, I felt it was time to purchase a book to answer the questions I had....

This is a hugely enjoyable book which starts with a well-researched historical and anecdotal account of the scientific discovery of the incessant motions of pollen particles (derived from *Clarkia pulchella*) when suspended in fluids, moving to an overview of the protagonists in the field, highlighting their discoveries, and is followed by a chapter recapping the basics of probability theory. After an introduction to stochastic processes, the author provides an eloquent overview of Einstein-Smoluchowski theory, emphasising the physical aspects.

The following two chapters then cover more mathematical topics – stochastic differential equations, Weiner integrals, with analytical solutions provided to several cases of physical interest presented in the subsequent chapter. It is here that Mazo notes “as it is in most branches of science, many problems of interest do not fall into the category of ‘exactly soluble’. To make progress with them, we must resort to approximation methods...”, and leading into a chapter considering the Brownian particle acted upon by a general force.

After an anecdotal chapter on the random walk which allows the reader to develop the trajectory of the Brownian particle, Mazo covers the stochastic equations *via* statistical mechanics, so as to discover previously-introduced phenomenological expressions, with five following chapters covering applications of this theory, encompassing diffusion-controlled chemical reactions, colloid coagulation, rotational diffusion and polymer solutions.

The penultimate chapter then enlightens the reader for the case of multiple and interacting particles, at least for semi-dilute particle solutions, going from basic principles to exciting current research in the area. The last chapter covers the numerical processes involved in Brownian dynamics calculations, and highlights the fractal nature of Brownian systems and deterministic chaos in those systems, and leaves the reader somewhat enthused about this fascinating subject.

Overall, this is an excellent book which I recommend for every electrochemistry library. It is very well written and captivating *via* numerous brushes with history, emphasising, for the main part, the physical significance of the covert mathematics.

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## *pseudoMATHS: Winner Announcement*

The Editor is delighted to announce the winner of the su-do-ku competition featured in the last issue.



**Many, MANY CONGRATULATIONS to.....**

**Dr. Andrew J. WAIN**

**of The National Physical Laboratory, UK**

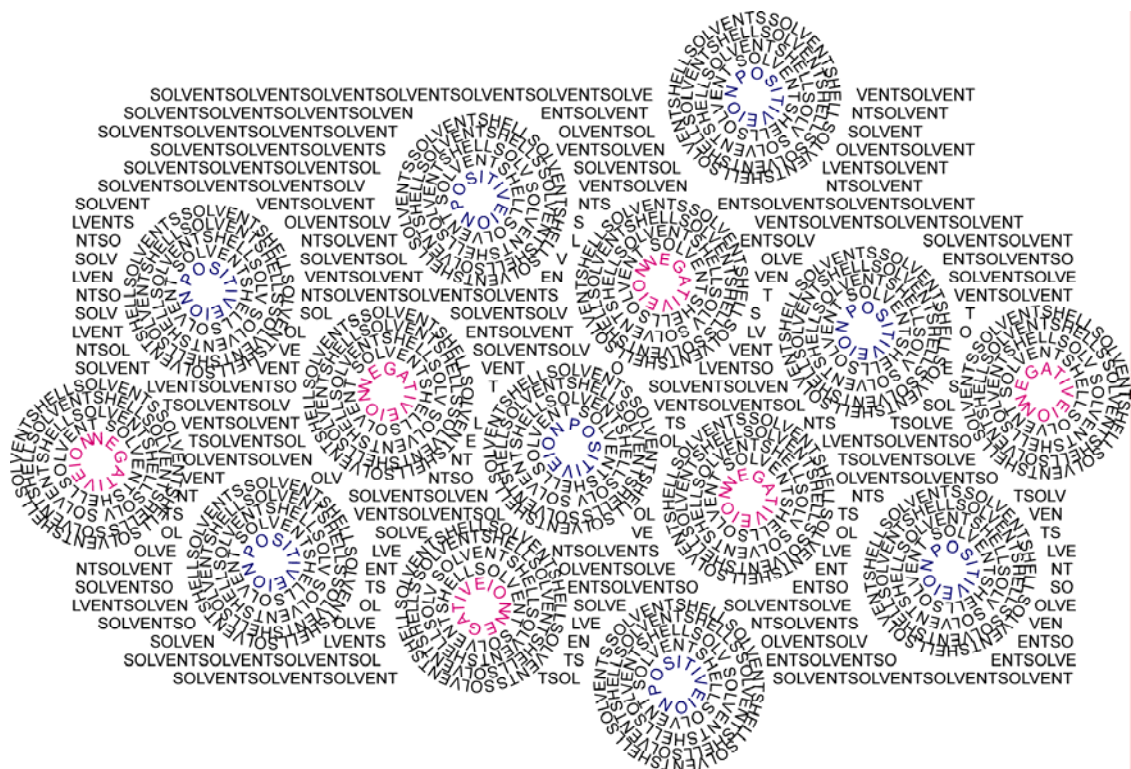
Andy wins a copy of *Understanding Voltammetry* by R. G. Compton and C. E. Banks.

The Editor thanks Professor Richard G. COMPTON of Oxford University for so very generously donating the prize, a Chemistry Bestseller at World Scientific, for this competition.

The Editor further notes that the second edition of this popular book by Professor Compton and Dr. Banks will soon be available; find out more: <http://www.worldscibooks.com/chemistry/6430.html>

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With due acknowledgement to Ferdinand Kriwet's *ZUVERSPAETCETERANDFIGURINNENNENSWERT OLLOS*".



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## EchemHIST

To honour the election of Professor Derek PLETCHER, Southampton University, to Emeritus status, it gives the Editor great pleasure to feature him here.



Professor Pletcher (left) was born in North London during the Second World War, and harboured childhood ambitions to become a golfer or open the batting for the England cricket team. Fortuitously, he chose to read Chemistry at The University of Sheffield, graduating in 1964 with a Class II (with Honours) Bachelor of Science degree, after having met his future wife during one of his first practical classes. Following his PhD at Sheffield, he joined Professor Fleischmann to work within the Southampton Electrochemistry Group in 1967, principally engaging in research of industrial and technological importance: electrosynthesis, plating, cell design, sensors and electrochemical techniques.

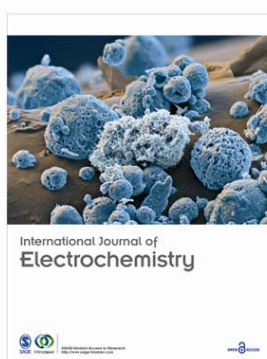
Professor Pletcher (current age-normalised Hirsch index of 0.64 yr<sup>-1</sup>), Fellow of the Electrochemical Society and Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, was appointed as Professor of Chemistry in 1993, and became Emeritus Professor in the autumn of 2008.

His current work still focuses on research of societal benefit, with interests that range from fundamental electrochemistry to electrochemical engineering, with significant emphasis on industrial applications, *viz.* electrosynthesis, gas sensors, electrochemical systems for energy conversion and storage, metal deposition and effluent treatment. He has written over 350 research papers and reviews, several books targeting the various key stages of an electrochemist's education (including a second edition of *A First Course in Electrode Processes* published by the Royal Society of Chemistry in 2009), as well as being a former editor of *Journal of Applied Electrochemistry*. His awards include the Henry Linford Medal and the 2010 Vittorio de Nora Award of the Electrochemical Society.

As an educator, Professor Pletcher pioneered the development of short, residential tutorial courses within Electrochemical Science and Technology. The popular "Southampton Summerschools" (*sic.*) have been well-attended by mature scientists and engineers for over forty years, with franchises exported to North and South America, Asia, Africa and even continental Europe. Perhaps it is this that is his legacy to us all. Indeed, in a contribution to this magazine, sixteen years ago, Professor Pletcher wrote "...perhaps the most pleasant production of an academic career, is the many ... students who leave University with PhDs to [work within] the Chemical Industry". With almost 100 post-graduate students who have trained under his auspices, his work continues to impact substantially on all of our lives.

We all wish Professor Pletcher enjoyment, contentment and happiness in his new position.

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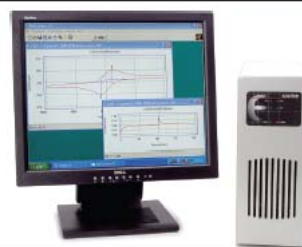
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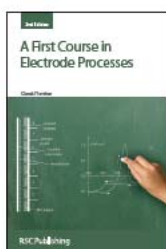
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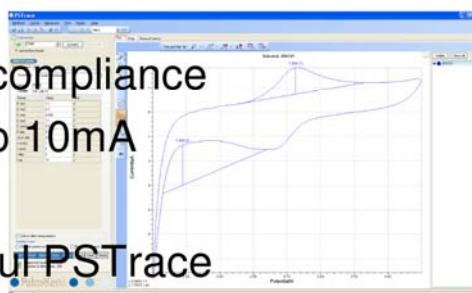
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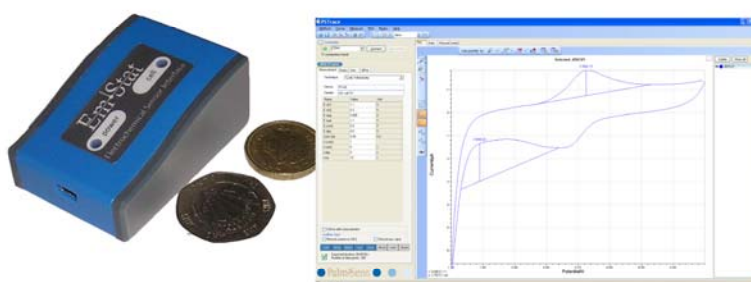
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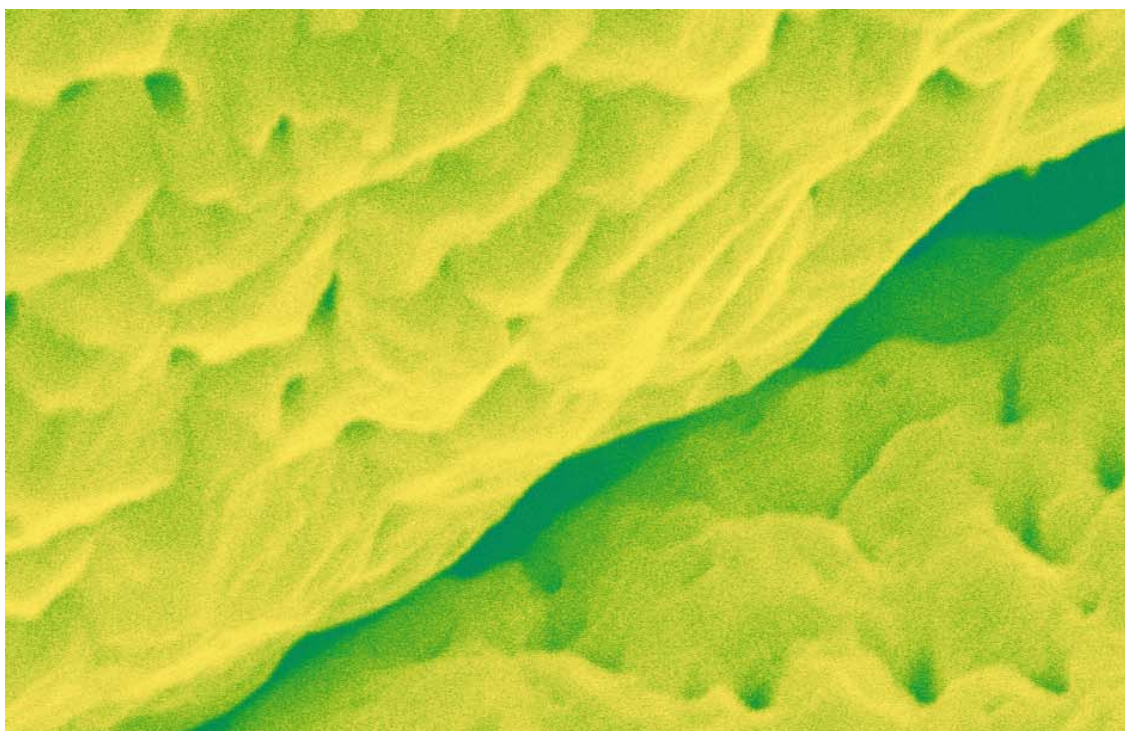
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