

"LITHIUM 2000"

10th International Meeting on Lithium Batteries



The 10th International Meeting on Lithium Batteries, "IMLB X—Lithium 2000" was held from May 28 to June 2, 2000 at the Villa Erba Conference Center in Cernobbio (Como), Italy.

This meeting, organized by ECS in collaboration with the Volta Center in Como, was the tenth edition of the well-established conference series on lithium battery research and technology. Approximately 680 participants from most of the key academic and industrial laboratories attended and contributed to the conference scientific program with the presentation of 400 scientific and technical papers. In addition, the conference hosted more than 20 exhibits from the major lithium battery-related companies.

The conference opened on Sunday, May 28, with a reception and continued through Friday June 2, with a series of invited oral presentations and poster sessions, with breaks in between served in the exhibit area. Other social activities included a second reception on Wednesday evening, served in the marvelous gardens of Villa Olmo, one of the most beautiful villas in Como; and a banquet on Thursday evening served in the magnificent Villa Antica, the former residence of the Visconti family.

The conference program was structured in various topical sessions, such as general aspects, anodes, cathodes, liquid electrolytes, polymer electrolytes, battery materials, batteries, medical batteries, and supercapacitors.

The scientific program also included the delivery of the first special award of the European Local Section—the Volta Medal—which was presented to Dr. Michel Armand, of the University of Montréal, for excellence in electrochemical and solid-state science in Europe. Dr. Armand delivered an award address entitled, "Batteries for Transportation: Are We Missing the Boat?" A special historical exhibit, entitled "From the Volta Pile to the Lithium Battery," was organized by the Volta Center and was on display throughout the week.

The next IMLB meeting (IMLB 11) is scheduled for June 23-28, 2002 at the Monterey Conference Center & Doubletree Hotel in Monterey, California. For more information, visit the following website: www.electrochem.org/meetings/011/imlb11.html.

This article was contributed by Bruno Scrosati (IMLB X chairman) and Brian Rounsavill (ECS).



Michel Armand (left, in top left photo) receiving the first ECS European Local Section's Volta Award from IMLB X Chairman Bruno Scrosati.

The organizing chairmen of IMLB X (top right photo) posed in front of one of the panels from the special Volta exhibit. From left to right are Zempachi Ogumi, Bruno Scrosati, and Frank McLarnon. Missing from the photo is Peter G. Bruce.

At left, a view of the Villa Antica, site of the Wednesday evening reception.



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