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The Electrochemical Society

ECS Elects New Officers

ECS is honoring and continuing an annual tradition that first began in 1902 when, at the earliest meeting of the Society, members elected their first President.

ECS Executive Director Roque Calvo, on behalf of the ECS Tellers of the Election, recently announced the results of the 2012 election of Society officers:

- Fernando Garzon, President
- Daniel A. Scherson, 3rd Vice President
- Hariklia (Lili) Deligianni, Secretary

"In a year in which ECS commemorates its 110th anniversary," stated Calvo, "the legacy of the Society lives on robustly. Research in electrochemistry and solid-state science and technology is at its peak and perhaps never more relevant than it is today—we estimate that close to 65% of ECS technical activities and published work involves the sustainability of our planet. Our newly elected leaders are representative of the entire body of ECS membership."

Fernando Garzon (Los Alamos National Laboratory) has pursued a career in energy science and technology for all his professional life and has co-authored more than a hundred publications and seven patents. His experience in thin film ceramic materials growth and past background in solid-state electrochemistry enabled him to develop new classes of ceramic gas sensors.

Daniel A. Scherson (Case Western Reserve University) has contributed over 240 journal publications, seven U.S. patents, and hundreds of conference presentations, and has been the editor of the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* since 2008. His research interests include the development and implementation of linear and nonlinear spectroscopic and structural techniques for the *in situ* monitoring of interfacial electrochemical events, including operating devices, such as fuel cells, batteries, and electrosynthetic reactors.

Hariklia (Lili) Deligianni (IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY) has coorganized numerous symposia and edited many proceedings and *ECS Transactions* volumes. She was instrumental in the successful introduction of electrochemical processes in the solder bump technology and invention of the electrodeposition method of copper on-chip interconnects. Both processes have become the standard in the microelectronics industry.

Preeminent in their fields, Garzon, Scherson, and Deligianni will take office May 12, and join incumbent officers Tetsuya Osaka, Waseda University (Sr. Vice President), Paul Kohl, Georgia Tech (2nd Vice President), and Christina Bock, National Research Council-Canada (Treasurer), at the helm of ECS.

"It is an honor to welcome our new officers," said Esther Takeuchi, current ECS President. "Together their combined commitment to ECS covers nearly 90 years of service—each is a true friend of the Society and each carries the mantle of our sciences with dignity. Garzon, Scherson, and Deligianni, along with our other ECS officers—and our entire membership—will help sustain the heritage and cultivate the future of ECS."