



Journal of The Electrochemical Society: **Something Old, Something New**

It is my great honor to introduce you to the new issue of the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society* (JES), which, as in the past, brings you a number of exciting, high-quality articles covering the many areas of electrochemistry. This seventh issue in the year marks also changes in the structure of publications of The Electrochemical Society. Three additional journals are being launched, with # 1 issues, at this time. One is the rapid-publication companion to JES, *ECS Electrochemistry Letters* (EEL). Both of these journals will publish contributions in the area of electrochemical science and technology and I am privileged to be the new Editor for both of these journals.

The other two new journals are the *ESC Journal of Solid State Science and Technology* (JSS) and its rapid-publication companion, *ECS Solid State Letters* (SSL), both under the skilled editorship of Dennis Hess, Editor and Chair of the Solid State Science & Technology Editorial Board.

With the technical focus of JES/EEL and JSS/SSL targeting different audiences, Technical Interest Areas (TIAs) were defined to guide the authors and the readers to find within ECS the appropriate publication venue. The TIAs for JES are as follows:

- Batteries and Energy Storage
- Chemical and Biological Sensors
- Corrosion Science and Technology
- Electrochemical/Electroless Deposition
- Electrochemical Engineering
- Fuel Cells, Electrolyzers, and Energy Conversion
- Organic and Bioelectrochemistry
- Physical and Analytical Electrochemistry, Electrocatalysis and Photoelectrochemistry

The purpose of the TIA is to group the articles topically, for easier indexing and for easier access by the reader. Each of these TIAs has also more detailed definitions, described as scopes. Of course, even with the new TIAs, one must assume some overlap, but the hope is that practicing electrochemists will want to glance at the table of contents of all four journals that ECS has to offer, not just their own technical area. There is always something interesting on a page randomly opened.

Whether with this issue we are starting a new journal, or whether this is the old journal, is merely a matter of perspective. The Society always had a publication. (It had to, the founding constitution required that.) The first was called *Transactions of the American Electrochemical Society*, published in 1902. Joining this initial publication was *Bulletin of the American Electrochemical Society* in 1907. In 1930 the Society dropped “American” from its name and its titles, and it was not until 1948 when the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* appeared. And there were also subtle changes. In 1996, with volume 143, the cover color changed. And some changes were also external. Ten years ago, I observed with great shock, that all the ECS journals disappeared from my university library stacks. It turned out that they went to storage for relabeling (see photo). It was decided that filing it under letter “E” as Electrochemical Society (Journal), was not sufficiently uniform so it was relabeled and



Three bound volumes of the Journal, showing in the middle the old title, originally used for alphabetization.





moved over to a “J” for Journal and two floors down in the library proper. And curiously, with the new filing, in the title “Journal of The Electrochemical Society” “of” is not alphabetized, whereas “The” is, which puts it five stacks over from where I tend to look.

As I am looking forward to my role to steward and shape the *Journal*, I have to first acknowledge the excellent work of the previous Editor, Daniel A. Scherson, who has been at the editorial desk since January 2008. I have to thank him for all the work he has done in the past, to bring the *Journal* to the present form. Dan left the Editor role to take up the position of 3rd Vice President of the Society. I wish to congratulate him on this achievement. There was a line of accomplished editors before Dan Scherson; Robert M. Burns, Herbert H. Uhlig, Cecil V. King,

Norman Hackerman, Barry Miller and Paul A. Kohl. It is a great privilege, but also immense responsibility, to follow in their footsteps.

Success of any publication depends on a three-fold foundation – authorship, production, and readership. In many ways, it is the middle part, putting all the pieces of what makes good articles together, which is the most important. Here I want to thank the present Technical and Associate Editors, the Society staff, the members of the Publications Subcommittee and the members of the TIA Task Force, who are making the new changes possible. With an excellent production support, the authors and the readership will come. It is with my appreciation of all involved in making this *Journal* reality that I can look forward to every new issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Petr Vanýsek'.

Petr Vanýsek
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