



ECS Oronzio de Nora Industrial Postdoctoral Fellowship

The 2005 Oronzio de Nora Industrial Electrochemistry Fellowship of The Electrochemical Society has been awarded to **NICHOLAS MANO** of The University of Texas. This is the second year that Dr. Mano has received this honor. Established in 2003 to assist a postdoctoral scientist or engineer in the research of the field of industrial electrochemistry, the fellowship of \$25,000 for one year, twice renewable based on successful research progress as judged by the Award's Committee, is the largest in the field.

Nicolas Mano was born and educated in France. He received

his MSc in chemistry and physics in 1997 and his PhD in 2001 from the University of Bordeaux I. His doctoral thesis, under the supervision of Alexander Kuhn was on affinity-assembled multi-layers for dehydrogenase-based biosensors. In his thesis he developed a class of nitrofluorenone-derived redox mediators, allowing the rapid electro-oxidation of NADH at a potential as low as -50 mV vs. Ag/AgCl with a bimolecular rate constant exceeding $10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. His building of a well-defined functional redox mediator/ $\text{Ca}^{2+}/\text{NAD}^+$ /enzyme multilayer at an electrode/electrolyte interface was recognized as the Best Thesis in Chemistry by the Aquitaine Section of the French Chemical Society. In 2001, Dr Mano joined the research group of Adam Heller at the University of Texas in Austin as a postdoctoral fellow. In Austin he designed the first effective electrocatalyst for the

four-electron reduction of O_2 to water under physiological conditions, which he applied in glucose oxidizing- O_2 reducing membrane-less biofuel cells. He built the smallest biofuel cell operating under physiological conditions and producing 0.44 mW cm^{-2} at +0.52 V. He then showed the functioning of the miniature cell in a living plant, a grape. His work on biofuel cells was recognized by the 2003 Luigi Galvani Prize of the Bioelectrochemical Society, awarded bi-annually to a researcher under the age of 35, and by the 2004 Oronzio De Nora Foundation Prize of the International Society of Electrochemistry on Electrochemical Energy Conversion. ■



2005 H. H. Dow Memorial Student Award

The 2005 H. H. Dow Memorial Student Award of the Industrial Electrolysis and Electrochemical Engineering Division was presented to Vijay Ramani (left), a PhD student from the University of Connecticut and now assistant professor at Illinois Institute of Technology. Established in 1990 to recognize promising young engineers and scientists in the fields of electrochemical engineering and applied electrochemistry, the award was made possible by a generous contribution from the Dow Chemical Foundation. Also present were Dennie Mah (center), of DuPont, and IE&EE Vice-Chair; and John Weidener (right), of the University of South Carolina, and IE&EE Secretary/Treasurer.

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The 2005 Summer Fellowship reports will appear in a future issue of *Interface*.



2005 Student Research Award of the Battery Division

CHARLES DELACOURT is working toward his PhD in materials chemistry at the University of Picardie Jules Verne in Amiens, France under Prof. C. Masquelier. His thesis topic, "Synthesis of Positive Electrode Materials for Li Batteries by Solution Chemistry," is scheduled for defense in October of 2005. In addition to his research work, he teaches courses in thermochemistry, crystallochemistry, analytical chemistry, and fuel cells at the University of Picardie Jules Verne.

Delacourt received his DEA (equivalent to MSc) in 2002 from the University Pierre & Marie Curie in Paris, France. The degree was awarded by an internship of six months at Laboratoire d'Electrochimie et Chimie Analytique in Paris under D. Lincot. His internship topic was electrodeposition and

characterization of cadmium ditelluride layers. He was ranked number one, with honors.

Since 2002, Delacourt has been working with the preparation of new positive electrode materials for lithium batteries by using "soft chemistry" synthesis. This work, which is aimed at preparing new compounds (or well-known compounds but with tailored properties) to design new electrode materials, has allowed, up to now, to face more fundamental concerns such as extensive characterizations of Li⁺ insertion/deinsertion mechanisms and transport properties through the use of many experimental techniques. His work focuses on the polyanionic materials, especially olivine-type phosphates. ■



2005 Morris Cohen Graduate Student Award of the Corrosion Division

DEV CHIDAMBARAM was born in 1976 in Madras, India. In 1998, he obtained a bachelor's degree in chemical and electrochemical engineering. Chidambaram's graduate work in electrochemistry and surface science was advised by C. R. Clayton and G. P. Halada of the Materials Science and Engineering Department at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook. He earned a master's degree in 2000 for his work on the corrosion behavior of thermal sprayed coatings. His doctoral dissertation focused on understanding the surface chemistry and corrosion behavior of aerospace aluminum copper alloys and chromate conversion coatings. He has used the National Synchrotron Light Source extensively to aid in his research. Chidambaram graduated in December, 2003 as a President's Distinguished Doctoral Student. Concurrently, he also pursued his interests in biomedical engineering to earn a second master's degree in 2001. Chidambaram has over 26 peer-reviewed publications and 21 scientific presentations.

Chidambaram has also received the Corrosion Division's travel award for the 203rd Meeting, the Sigma Xi excellence in research award, graduate research awards from the New York Society for Applied Spectroscopy (NYSAS), the American Vacuum Society (AVS), and the Society for Applied Spectroscopy (SAS). Recently, he was chosen by the Nobel Laureates Foundation to participate in the 55th Meeting of the Nobel Laureates in Lindau, Germany.

Chidambaram joined the Environmental Sciences Department at Brookhaven National Laboratory as a Goldhaber Distinguished Fellow in 2004. This prestigious fellowship is awarded to candidates with exceptional talent and credentials, who have a strong desire for independent research at the frontiers of their fields. Chidambaram is also an adjunct professor at Stony Brook. Apart from teaching at SUNY, he also advises graduate students. His research interests lie in the applications of electrochemistry to materials, biological, and environmental sciences. Dr. Chidambaram can be contacted via email at dc@bnl.gov. ■

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Call for Nominations

The **ECS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS** were established in 1928 to assist a student during the summer months in the pursuit of work in the field of interest to The Electrochemical Society, and consist of a prize of no less than \$4,000. The next fellowships will be announced on **April 1, 2006**.

Nominations and supporting documents should be sent to Robin McCarley, Department of Chemistry, Choppin Laboratories of Chemistry, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA; tel. 225.578.3361, e-mail: echem@lsu.edu. Materials are due by January 1, 2006.

The **STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD OF THE BATTERY DIVISION** was established in 1962 to recognize promising young engineers and scientists in the field of electrochemical power sources and consists of a scroll, a prize of a \$1,000, and membership in the Battery Division as long as a Society member. The next award will be presented at the ECS fall meeting in Cancun, Mexico, October 28-November 3, 2006.

Nominations and supporting documents should be sent to Robert Kostecki, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Rd # 62-203, Berkeley, CA 94720-8028, USA; tel.

510.486.6002, e-mail: r_kostecki@lbl.gov. Materials are due by **March 15, 2006**.

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Nominations and supporting documents should be sent to Douglas C. Hansen, University of Dayton Research Institute, Materials Engineering Division, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-0120, USA; tel. 937.229.4380, e-mail: douglas.hansen@udri.udayton.edu. Materials are due by **December 15, 2005**.

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Nominations and supporting documents should be sent to Guenter A. Scholz, University of Waterloo, Physics Department, Waterloo, ON N2L-3G1, CANADA; e-mail: scholz@uwaterloo.ca. Materials are due by **February 28, 2006**.

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