



Detroit Section Officers for 2007-2008 (left to right): Chad Kotarba (Secretary), Xia Wang (Treasurer), Alvaro Masias (Vice Chair), Dennis Corrigan (Councilor), Gholam-Abbas Nazri (Chair) and Peter Faguy (Councilor, not pictured).

Detroit

The Detroit Section held its sixth and final meeting of the 2006-2007 season on May 23. Igor Barsukov of Superior Graphite Company (Chicago, IL) gave an interesting presentation on "Electrochemistry and Application of Carbonaceous and Graphitic Materials for Batteries, Supercapacitors, and Fuel Cells." Elections for the 2007-2008 Section Officers were held following Dr. Barsukov's talk. The officers for 2007-2008 were elected as follows: Chair: Gholam-Abbas Nazri, GM Research and Development Labs; Vice Chair: Alvaro Masias, Toyota Technical Center; Secretary: Chad Kotarba, ECD Ovonic; Treasurer: Xia Wang, Oakland University; and Councilors: Dennis Corrigan, Ovonic Fuel Cell Company and Peter Faguy, Admamede.

Additionally, the Section had previously hosted a talk by Michael Carpenter of General Motors (Warren, MI) on March 29, entitled "Electrocatalyst/Support Systems for Automotive Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells: Activity and Durability Issues." Dr. Carpenter's talk was very well received and prompted many questions from an attentive audience.

On March 8, the Detroit Section also hosted a seminar by Prof. Dan Scherson of Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH) on "Electrochemical Supercapacitors: From High Power to Neural Stimulation." Prof. Scherson discussed his group's study of hydrated oxides of ruthenium and iridium in aqueous electrolytes.

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European Section



The ECS sponsored meeting, **ADVANCED BATTERIES AND ACCUMULATORS (ABA)**, took place in Brno, Czech Republic, last June. The photo shows a view of the atrium of the Offices of the President, which was the site of the meeting and the poster sessions. This was the inaugural year of the **BRNO ECS STUDENT SECTION**, and all student members presented posters from their research work. In the background, the University of Notre Dame Glee Club is rehearsing for an afternoon concert.



A group photo of the participants of the 2007 ABA meeting on the stairs of the modern reconstructed atrium. **JIRI VONDRAK** (in front, far left) and **MARIE SEDLARIKOVA** (in front, far right) were the organizers of the meeting. ECS Secretary **PETR VANÝSEK**, who spoke about ECS at the meeting, appears at the front (in suit and tie).

The ECS sponsored meeting, “Advanced Batteries and Accumulators” (ABA) took place in Brno, Czech Republic, June 3-6, 2007. It was the eighth annual meeting on a broad range of topics beyond primary and secondary batteries. It covered nanosized or layered materials, novel solid or polymeric conductors, and intercalation materials with application in the research and development of batteries, electrocatalysts for fuel cells, and other industrial applications for special electro-technical components. The meeting had 94 registered participants, and 65 presentations, with more than two-thirds given as posters. This was the inaugural year of the Brno ECS Student Section, and all student members presented posters from their research work. Peter Barath gave presentations about the activities of the Brno Student Section. Petr Vanýsek, Secretary of ECS, was on hand, and he welcomed the members of European Section as well as nonmembers, and gave them an update on the state of the Society.

The next meeting in Brno is scheduled for June 29-July 3, 2008.