



It's PRiME Time

In a few months we will be holding the Pacific Rim Meeting on Electrochemical and Solid-State Science (PRiME 2008) in Honolulu, Hawaii. This will be our fifth Joint International Meeting with The

Electrochemical Society of Japan (ECSJ). PRiME 2008 also includes the technical cosponsorship of the Japan Society of Applied Physics (JSAP), the Korean Electrochemical Society (KECS), the Chinese Society of Electrochemistry (CSE), and the Electrochemistry Division of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI). The PRiME 2008 meeting program is featured in this issue of *Interface*, starting on page 9, and all preliminary measures indicate that this will be the most significant meeting on electrochemistry ever held. (The complete program, with abstracts, is now available at www.electrochem.org; simply follow the PRiME links.)

In the early 1980s, leaders from ECS and ECSJ developed a plan to conduct a joint international meeting aimed at sharing the work of the best scientists and engineers in the Pacific Rim with those in the Americas, Europe, and Asia. The two societies committed to periodically combine their regular fall meetings at a single meeting destination in the Pacific Rim. The early meetings also included cosponsorship from JSAP, who provided the program with a strong solid-state science component. The combination of these scientific communities produced a collaborative program that provided scientists from all over the globe with unique opportunities to advance electrochemical and solid-state science and technology. In the background was the city of Honolulu, which has been our host for all the joint meetings and has had a dramatic influence on the success of the events. The aura of Hawaii has stimulated the learning, and more importantly, the collaboration between scientists that has been necessary to meet the lofty goals of the meeting.

Beginning with the first joint international meeting in 1987, the plan has worked extremely well, and it has far exceeded our original expectations. PRiME 2008, which will be held from October 12 to 17, has been projected to be the largest and

most important meeting ever held in our field. This projection is based on the relevance and size of the meeting program, which is expected to attract approximately 3,500 scientists and engineers from 65 different countries. The meeting program includes 53 topics and 3,237 papers, which is certainly the largest program ever held on electrochemistry. By our frame of reference, the Pacific Rim includes scientists from all regions of Asia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Australia, with major contributions for this meeting coming from authors in Japan (1124 papers), Republic of Korea (235 papers), Taiwan (135 papers), China (96 papers), and Australia (13 papers).

Both ECS and ECSJ anticipated growth for this meeting, but the relevance of the program has caused us to grow beyond the facilities available at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The program expansion has necessitated the use of the Hawaii

Convention Center, and in order to keep one broad technical interest together, we have scheduled all 15 of the symposia in the "E" technical interest category at the Center. The Center is a short distance from the Hilton and regular transportation will be provided to attendees staying there. We would have preferred to keep all the meeting activities at the Hilton, but in managing the extraordinary growth of the meeting program, we felt it was best to move

some sessions to the Center to insure the quality of the author presentations. Some of the program growth is caused by outstanding symposia on PEM Fuel Cells 8; Semiconductor Wafer Bonding 10; Rechargeable Lithium and Lithium Ion Batteries; Nanotechnology General Session; SiGe, Ge, and Related Compounds: Materials, Processing, and Devices 3; High Temperature Corrosion and Materials Chemistry 7; and Solid State Ionic Devices 6 (Nano Ionics).

I hope you will join us in Hawaii to be part of this historic event; and it appears from the number of abstract submissions that many of you will. A hui hou! (See you soon!)



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