

Richard C. Alkire Receives National Materials Advancement Award



RICHARD C. ALKIRE, long-time ECS member, past President of ECS (1985-1986), and Emeritus Professor at the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, received the 2010 National Materials Advancement Award from the Federation of Materials Societies. The co-recipient of the award is Diran Apelian from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The award recognizes

individuals who have demonstrated outstanding capabilities in advancing the effective and economic use

of materials, and the multidisciplinary field of materials science and engineering generally, and who contribute to the application of the materials profession to national problems and policy.

Dr. Alkire has been the recipient of numerous ECS awards: the Vittorio de Nora Award (2004), Fellow of ECS (1992), the Edward Goodrich Acheson Award (1996), the Carl Wagner Memorial Award (1985), and the Electrodeposition Division Research Award (1983).

The Federation of Materials Societies is a consortium of technical and professional societies (including ECS) and associations whose constituencies include scientists, engineers, and other professionals active in the areas of materials policy as well as R&D, processing, manufacturing, recovery, and resource availability.

*In Memoriam***Robert Rodgers**
1945-2010

ROBERT "BOB" RODGERS passed away on October 23, 2010. Dr. Rodgers joined ECS in 1983 and was a member of the ECS Physical and Analytical Electrochemistry Division. He was a graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and received his doctorate from Clarkson in Potsdam, NY. Over his career, Dr. Rodgers was an assistant professor at Lehigh University and a senior scientist for 20 years at Princeton Applied Research. He most recently retired after seven years as a senior electrochemist at Gamry Instruments, Inc.

For over 40 years, Dr. Rodgers was active in the areas of analytical voltammetry, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), corrosion, and general electrochemistry. He pioneered the first commercial electrochemical impedance spectroscopy software, and was active in specifying four generations of that successful product. He was the author of 20 scientific articles in the areas of electrochemistry and instrumentation, and has delivered scientific presentations worldwide.

Dr. Rodgers was a member of the Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry, where he served as Director from 1995 to 2000. In addition to ECS, he was a member of the American Chemical Society and the International Society for Electrochemistry. He was an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Cranbury, NJ for 30 years, where over the years he held the positions of senior warden, treasurer, stewardship chair, usher, webmaster, and member of the finance committee. Dr. Rodgers was a car enthusiast who enjoyed driving and working on his Delorean. He also loved to travel to car shows and museums across the country to see Duesenbergs. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Carol Sandbrook Rodgers; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly (Rodgers) Duck and Michael Duck, and Rebecca (Rodgers) Guardino and William Guardino.

In Memoriam

CHARLES W. FLEISCHMANN (1936-2010), member since 1965.

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2012 PRiME Fall Meeting
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October 7-12, 2012
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