



Moving Right Along

As this issue of *Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters* is distributed, we are starting our seventh year of publication, our 20th month of electronic publishing, and I am beginning my second year as Editor. The growth that we have experienced with *ESL* is most gratifying. Since 1998 to the end of 2004, the number of submissions has nearly doubled. The change to electronic publishing, which shortened the average time to obtain reviews and author revisions by a total of approximately two months, along with increased submissions, caused a backlog in manuscripts over the past six months. As a result, we essentially doubled the number of papers in the last three issues of *ESL* for 2004 in order to publish manuscripts in a timely manner.

Due to the increased manuscript submissions in a broad range of topical areas and anticipated further growth, we have added another Associate Editor—Jennifer Bardwell. Jennifer is with the National Research Council (Ontario, Canada) and handles papers in the corrosion, dielectrics, and nanotechnology arenas. Bardwell joins Dennis Evans at The University of Arizona (physical electrochemistry, fuel cells) and Doron Aurbach at Bar Ilan University, Israel (batteries, fuel cells), both of whom serve as Associate Editors for *ESL*.

We have also welcomed a new staff member at ECS Headquarters in Pennington—Ann Goedkoop—as Assistant Director of Publications. In this capacity, Ann assists in the overall management of the production of all ECS publications; of course, this includes *ESL*. A number of authors, Society members, and especially editors, have already benefited from Ann's experience and expertise.

We continue to be pleased with the expanding interest of our authors and readers, and with the quality and timeliness of the manuscripts submitted. These issues are evident in the impact factor for *ESL*, which in 2003 was once again ranked number one in the group of journals designated the "electrochemistry set." We want to thank the authors and reviewers for their diligence and hard work in ensuring a quality publication and for keeping review and revision times short. In addition, we solicit comments and suggestions from readers, authors, and reviewers, for additional topical coverage areas for *ESL* and for ways in which we can improve the journal. In the meantime, we continue "moving right along."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis W. Hess".

Dennis W. Hess
Editor

