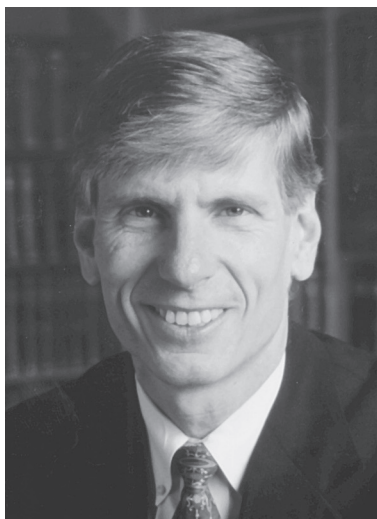


Appreciation



At the end of this issue is an important list containing the names of thousands of people without whom this publication would not have been possible. It is the people who have served as reviewers of the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* (JES) manuscripts. The peer-review system relies on the generosity of readers and authors who donate their time and effort to provide an accurate and unbiased assessment of manuscripts submitted to this journal. It is a very important part of the publishing process because it provides input on the scientific and technological merits of the manuscripts. Our recognition here is only a token of our appreciation.

The selection of reviewers and the interpretation and use of the peer-review comments lies with the editorial board. The associate editors of JES are also volunteers who spend considerable time evaluating and deciding the outcome of each manuscript submitted. At this time, we are also very pleased to welcome a new member of the editorial board. Professor Ashok K. Shukla will serve as an associate editor of JES. He is the Director of the Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI) in Karaikudi, India. Dr. Shukla received his M.Sc. in chemistry from the Kanpur University in 1968 and his Ph.D. in chemistry (with solid-state chemistry as his field of specialization) from the Indian Institute of Technology, both in Kanpur, India. CECRI is recognized as the premier institution for electrochemistry in India. Dr. Shukla's research interests involve materials in electrochemistry including batteries, fuel cells, electrochemical supercapacitors, and solid-state ionics. He has published 208 research papers and holds 12 patents. Dr. Shukla has also been a member of the editorial advisory board for the *Journal of Applied Electrochemistry* and a member of the editorial board of the *Bulletin of Materials Science*.

Electronic submission, reviewing, and publishing allow equal participation by scientists and engineers around the world. The Internet allows us to more quickly reach authors and reviewers, but it does not change their function or role. The thoughtful and insightful comments of reviewers are still the backbone of the peer-review system. We appreciate each contribution, and we especially welcome volunteers who wish to participate in future activities.

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