



ESL Takes Final Steps

There comes a point in the growth of a new start-up where shelter and guidance are no longer needed. After having established a root-structure, maturity can only be achieved by independence and growth.

Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters (ESL) was created just over five years ago because of the need for rapid dissemination of new scientific and technological results in the electrochemical and solid-state fields. Its affiliation with the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* (JES) has provided a protective foundation where both publications benefited. Today, ESL enjoys the highest ISI *Science Citation Index* impact factor for all journals in the electrochemical area. The joint editors and bundled distribution have helped provide reader and author acceptance. The number of submissions has steadily grown to a healthy level, and with ECS's new online manuscript submission and peer review program, the submissions have grown even more.

In order for ESL to progress to the next level of quality, a separate editorial structure is needed, with the sole focus of advancing ESL. That editorial structure has been established and has taken responsibility of ESL as of January 1, 2004. It is a pleasure to welcome Professor Dennis Hess as editor of ESL. Dennis has extensive experience in editorial activities and Society service. Dennis is joined by Professor Dennis Evans (of the current JES-ESL editorial board) and Professor Doron Aurbach as associate editors for ESL. We welcome Professor Aurbach (Bar-Ilan University, Israel) to the position.

The Society will continue to have a single editorial board overseeing both ESL and JES. The editorial board is comprised of the editors and associate editors for JES and ESL, and the chairman of the ECS Publication Committee. JES will continue to operate as before, with an editor and associate editors. A joint editorial board is critical to maintaining consistent standards, balance, and growth for the two publications.

JES also welcomes three new associate editors, and acknowledges the contributions from three people who are completing their editorial terms. Mordechai Schlesinger, Noel Buckley, and George Blomgren are completing their service as associate editors. They have provided dedicated service to the journals and the Society. They have collectively served over 25 years and their contributions are very gratefully acknowledged. We welcome three new associate editors to JES: Professor Yue Kuo (Texas A&M University, USA), Professor Peter Bruce (St. Andrews University, Scotland), and Professor Takayuki Homma (Waseda University, Japan).

The separation of ESL from JES completes a six-year implementation plan for the publication. The Society's officers and publications staff deserve enormous credit for vision, planning, and execution of complex tasks. For ESL—with its new editor, associate editors, and online peer review system—the best is yet to come.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Kohl".

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