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Dear colleagues and friends,

Dear members of the International Society of Electrochemistry,

We are leaving behind us a memorable year, full of challenges to many paradigms of our daily life and calling on changes in almost every aspect of it. We all hope that 2026 will be better than the year past. As electrochemistry professionals: researchers and engineers, academics and students, contributors to electrochemical science and engineering and skilful practitioners of electrochemical technology we understand that our role is critical and contributions are pivotal to make the world a better place – one-year-at-a-time!

We would like to make 2026 not just better, but rather a milestone year: a year that makes us all look back with satisfaction of the intellectual growth of our community and visible societal value of our contributions marked by trailblazing discoveries in fundamental science and technology innovations across the board of chemical, materials, process, device, energy, biotechnology, health and environmental domains.

The arrival of the New 2026 marks the 77th anniversary the International Society of Electrochemistry. Despite the “reputable age”, our Society is younger than ever. It is fully engaged in professional, publication and educational activities and it is restructuring and reinventing itself with renewed outlook and enthusiasm. With this letter I am asking you to do one very important thing: [renew your membership!](#)

It is of critical importance to all of us for you to do so! Please log in the [ISE Member Space](#) and continue your participating support. Spread the word of ISE membership among your colleagues and friends, invite them to join us for the upcoming meetings, share with them the opportunities to publish in *Electrochimica Acta* – the most reputable, impactful and self-reinventing flagship electrochemical journal. We need to grow our family. We would like to invite all colleagues from every country and every continent to join with us on the path of building renewed and better ISE!

I am deeply honoured to serve as ISE President and to follow our long-time tradition sharing with you a summary of our Society milestone achievements and report on the activities in 2025. As in previous years the ISE has lived up to its main objectives – promoting the electrochemical science and technology by facilitating professional interactions and exchange of ideas between electrochemists globally. Our Society continued major thrust in organizing and supporting scientific meetings, in recognizing and awarding excellence in electrochemistry, in publication and

dissemination of new knowledge and in promoting electrochemistry as a scientific field among the younger generation and broader public. Detailed information about our activities is given below.

Scientific Meetings

The ISE organized three technical meetings in 2025 – two Topical Meetings: in Natal, Brazil and Changchun, China, and its 76th Annual Meeting in Mainz, Germany.

Topical Meetings are an original to ISE form and a primary tool that ISE uses to outline and promote the defining, specific topics in today's electrochemistry. The 2025 Topical Meetings reflect the recent developments in engineering of electrochemical interfaces for use in sensorics and advances achieved in electrochemical generation of clean energy and in electrochemical environmental remediation technologies. Both Topical Meetings attracted more than 370 participants, which is a respectable number given the fact that the Topical Meetings were held outside of Europe.

39th Topical Meeting of ISE took place in Natal, Brazil, between the 23rd and 26th of March. The meeting focused on three main themes: (i) clean, renewable and new energy systems; (ii) environmental electrochemistry and (iii) coupling of degradation and power generation by photocatalytic fuel cells. The meeting attracted an attendance of 161 participants. The conference featured six *Keynote Speakers*: Anna Hankin (Imperial College, London), Manuel Rodrigo (UCLM, Ciudad Real), Christine Kranz (Ulm University, Ulm), Nicola Pinna (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Berlin), Siegfried Waldvogel (Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion, Mülheim) and Roberto M. Toresi (Universidade de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo) as well as fourteen *Invited Speakers*. The keynote and invited lectures provided the framework for oral and poster presentations which demonstrated the recent progress in the three fields.

40th Topical Meeting was organized in Changchun, China, between the 15th and 17th of August. The meeting's main themes were: (i) interfacial electrochemistry theory & characterization techniques; (ii) electroanalysis and bioelectrochemistry; (iii) electrocatalysis and electrosynthesis, (iv) electrochemical energy and electrochemical machining. The meeting attracted 215 participants. The scientific program was organized into four parallel sessions. The meeting featured four *Keynote Lectures* and 39 *invited talks* and introduced also contributed oral and poster presentations. The *Keynote Lectures* were delivered by Francesco Paolucci (University of Bologna, Bologna), Zhiyong Tang (National Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Beijing), Zhong Qun Tian (Xiamen University, Xiamen), Jeanine Mauzeroll (McGill University, Montreal).

The success of the of the *Topical Meetings* was ensured by most contributive efforts of Lucia Mascaro and Carlos Martinez Huitle (*39th Topical Meeting*, Natal, Brazil) and Guobao Xu, Erkang Wang, Xiurong Yang (*40th Topical Meeting*, Changchun, China) and their organizing teams.

ISE Annual Meeting is the cornerstone event of our Society – it brings most of us together in celebrating the achievements of the electrochemical science and technology. *76th Annual Meeting* of the International Society of Electrochemistry took place in Mainz, Germany, between September 7th

and 12th. The declared theme of the *Annual Meeting* was “*Electrochemistry – From Basic Insights to Sustainable Technologies*” and it demonstrated the breath and the dept of the technical achievements and set a record in participation! The scientific program comprised five *Plenary Lectures* delivered by Shirley Meng (Argonne National Laboratory, USA), Bin Ren (Xiamen University, China), Julie MacPherson (University of Warwick, UK), Hubert Girault (EPFL, Switzerland) and Guenter Schmid (Siemens Energy Global, Germany). The contributed papers were presented in 16 individual Symposia and encompassed 51 Keynote, 115 invited, more than 1043 oral presentations and 1128 poster presentations. Two extremely popular *Tutorial Lectures* were held during the *Annual Meeting* featuring “*AI in Electrochemistry*” jointly given by Jan Rossmeisl (University Copenhagen, Denmark) and Matthias Arenz (University Bern, Switzerland), and with “*Electrochemical Characterization of Porous Eelectrodes: Theory and Experiment*” delivered by Aaron Marschal (University of Canterbury, New Zealand) and Thomas Turek (Technical University of Clausthal, Germany).

The 76th *Annual Meeting* was attended by more than 2300 participants making it the biggest Annual Meeting in ISE history. The success of the 76th *Annual Meeting* is owed to the extraordinary organization and execution of the co-chairs of the *Organizing Committee*: Gunther Wittstock (University Oldenburg) and Ulrike Krewer (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology), dedication of all the *Symposia Organizers* and of course all the participants.

We owe sincere appreciation and acknowledgement of the tireless efforts by Raphael Berger, Gil Bourgeois and Maeve Tsu from our conference organization provider, *FontisMedia*, who played most critical role in making both *Topical Meetings* and the *Annual Meeting* possible – thank you!

Following the success of the past year, ISE plans to organize three *Topical Meetings* in 2026: 41st *Topical Meeting* in Belgrade, Serbia, from 7th to 10th of June 2026, 42nd *Topical Meeting* in Helsinki, Finland, from 23rd to 26th of June 2026, and 43rd *Topical Meeting* in Gdansk, Poland, from 27th to 30th of September 2026. The 77th *Annual Meeting* will take place in Sydney, Australia between the 6th and 11th of September 2026. Detailed information on all coming ISE meetings is available on the corresponding future meetings websites, accessible from the ISE homepage.

Sponsored Meetings are a hallmark of ISE – an investment in broader relationship with community and promoting regional electrochemistry initiatives, schools dedicated to electrochemical science and focused meetings on specific electrochemical technologies. During 2025, ISE continued supporting the networking opportunities which represent electrochemistry-focused meetings organized all over the world. The ISE has supported 49 meetings in total surpassing the record high number of 42 from 2024. The extent of the ISE sponsoring attests that electrochemistry is very vibrant field playing an important role shaping the landscape of modern society worldwide.

ISE Fellows are among the most honorable professional recognitions bestowed by the Society. Following the established tradition, *ISE Executive Committee* elected five outstanding electrochemists as *ISE Fellows*: Beatriz Roldan Cuenya (Fritz Haber Institute of Max Planck Society, Germany), David Wilkinson (University of British Columbia, Canada), Gerardine Botte (Texas Tech University, USA), Lin Zhuang (Wuhan University, China) and Manuel Rodrigo (Universitas Castilla-la-

Mancha, Spain), were all awarded this most prestigious recognition for their technical contributions and scientific excellence, and all received their medals and certificates at the 76th Annual Meeting in Mainz.

We would like to encourage all ISE members to nominate excellent scientists for this recognition. Details for preparing your nomination can be found here: <https://www.ise-online.org/fellows.php>.

Society and Divisional Awards recognize electrochemists for their seminal and critical contributions. Fourteen *ISE Prizes* were awarded in 2025 and the winners along with their citations were announced on the ISE webpage. Please join me in congratulating the winners:

- *Frumkin Medal* was awarded to Richard Compton (University of Oxford, UK);
- *ISE-Elsevier Prize for Experimental Electrochemistry* was awarded to Bin Ren (Xiamen University, China);
- *Katsumi Niki Prize in Bioelectrochemistry* was awarded to Alexander Kuhn (University of Bordeaux, France);
- *Alexander Kuznetsov Prize for Theoretical Electrochemistry* was awarded to Adam Weber (Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory, USA);
- *Jaroslav Heyrovsky Prize for Molecular Electrochemistry* was awarded to Robert Francke (Leibnitz Institute for Catalysis, Germany);
- *Tajima Prize* was awarded to Jeffrey Dick (Purdue University, USA);
- *ISE Prize for General Electrochemical Materials Science* was awarded to Rebecca Pittkowski (Copenhagen University, Denmark);
- *ISE Prize for Electrochemical Materials Science and Corrosion* was awarded to Oumäïma Gharbi (Sorbonne Université, France);
- *Zhaowu Tian Prize for Energy Electrochemistry* was awarded to Stephen Dongmin Kang (Seoul National University, Korea);
- *ISE Prize for Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage of Division 3 in Honour of Bruno Scrosati* was awarded to Laurence Crougennec (University of Bordeaux, France);
- *ISE-Elsevier Prize for Green Electrochemistry* was awarded to Alexander Bagger, (Danish Technical University, Denmark);
- *ISE-Elsevier Prize for Applied Electrochemistry* was awarded to Maria Arnaiz, (CIC energiGUNE, Spain);
- *Early Career Analytical Electrochemistry Prize of ISE Division 1 sponsored by Origalys* was awarded to Samantha Gateman (Western University, Canada);
- *Oronzio and Niccolò De Nora Foundation Young Author Prize 2025* was awarded to Erlind Mysliu (SINTEF Industry, Norway).

Nominations and applications for the 2026 *ISE Prizes* will be invited and must be submitted to the ISE Office between March 15th and May 15th, 2026. We strongly encourage you to nominate your most outstanding colleagues in the appropriate fields and categories.

Particularly, I would like to encourage young members to take a closer look at our exceptional set of junior awards and self-nominate! And for those in the middle-career stage, please check out the list: we are extending the age-related criterial and adding new awards this year.

Three *Electrochimica Acta Travel Awards for Young Electrochemists*, sponsored by Elsevier, and seven *ISE Travel Awards*, aimed at encouraging the participation of young scientists in the 76th ISE Annual Meeting, were awarded to Chen Jia, Miao Wang, Leticia Anahi Azpeitia, Zhihong Ye, Maria Rodrigues Pinto, Kent (Jingxu) Zheng, Rebecca Pittkowski, Áine Brady, Sopon Butcha, Gabriel Floriano Costa – congratulations!

The same number of Travel Awards will be awarded in 2026 – please apply or encourage your younger colleagues or students to apply.

Electrochimica Acta (published by Elsevier) is the *ISE Society Journal*.

2025 was a memorable year for *Electrochimica Acta*. Elena Savinova (University of Strasbourg) was appointed the new *Editor-in-Chief* of the journal replacing Rob Hillman who will continue his contributive service to the journal in the position of *Development Editor*. *Electrochimica Acta* Editorial Board further includes Sotiris Sotiropoulos (who continues in his role as *Special Issues Editor*) and *Associate Editors*: Tim Albrecht, Lital Alfonta, Sushmee Badhulika, Nick Birbilis, Minghua Zhou, Deborah Jones, Robert Kostecki, Rüdiger Kötz, Ulrike Krewer and Jiang-Ping Tu. The *Impact Factor* of the Society journal continues to claim reaching 5.6 (some increase from the 2024 mark). The position of our journal within the *First Quartile* (Q1) of electrochemistry journals remains stable and the journal keeps serving as an authoritative venue for publication in all fields of electrochemistry. The number of submissions to *Electrochimica Acta* has been steadily increasing following the pattern of broader interest in energy storage and other applied electrochemistry domains. The strong position of the journal in the electrochemical community is also attested by the large number of colleagues accepting reviewer assignments as well as by a very large number of article downloads.

Electrochimica Acta published two types of *Special Issues* in 2025 with topics-oriented Special Issues were complemented with Special Issues dedicated to collections of papers from scientific meetings. *Executive Committee* has signed a new 5-year publication agreement with Elsevier and *Electrochimica Acta* is on its way of reinventing and enlarging its role through introduction of new paper formats such as tutorials, perspectives and focused reviews, notes on technology etc. All these initiatives, along with the creative energy of the *Editorial Board* and their tireless efforts are giving us all the grounds for most positive expectations for continuing on the path to success in 2026.

Executive Committee serves the Society in its organizational and leadership role. Elections were held in the spring of 2025, to fill in two positions on the *Executive Committee* in

accordance with the *ISE Constitution and Bylaws*. Monica Santamaria was re-elected as the *ISE Treasurer* for her second term 2026-2028. Lucia Mascaro was elected as a *Vice-President* for the term 2026-2028. She is replacing on the *Executive Committee* Shelley Minter whose term ended in 2025. It is my sincere pleasure to express our gratitude to Shelley for her excellent service, warm wisdom and interpersonal skills she brought to the *Executive Committee* daily work.

This year brings us several very important elections. We will be electing *President-Elect* (for service during 2027-2028, who is to transition to *President* for 2029-2030 term and later as Past-President for 2030-2031), *Secretary General* (for the 2027-2029 term) and two *Vice-Presidents* (also for 2027-2029 term). All these very important elections will take place during the spring of 2026. The *Nominating Committee* (NC) will select the candidates. The NC is chaired by me, Plamen Atanassov as the *ISE President* and includes Katharina Krischer, as the immediate Past-President (both serving *ex-officio*). The NC includes also Carlos Ponce de Leon, Justing Gooding and Tanja Vidakovic Koch (representing ISE regions and divisions). NC is open to your suggestions and recommendations and ideas for these very critical tasks.

ISE Executive Committee continued its efforts to modernize the Society. The Society changed its main mode of electronic communication by overhauling the ISE website and interface, which successfully supported the organization of the Meetings during 2025. At the same time the Society strengthened its presence on *social media* with *LinkedIn* continued to be the main platform. The ISE as of now attracted more than 4000 followers mostly from *Educational* and *Research & Development* sectors. The most resonating content relates to the announcements of *ISE Fellows* and *ISE Prize* winners, includes also career opportunities and ISE Meetings and sponsored meeting announcements. It is expected that further extension of the content to conference recaps and topics promoting individual Divisions will further strengthen the link between the Society and its members and hopefully will reach even wider readership.

Divisions represent the technical strength and exceptional expertise of the Society. The *Division Officers*, supported by *Division* members, remain primary players in setting the ISE scientific policies and in promotion of individual fields of electrochemistry. They have pivotal role in preparing and implementing the scientific programs at the Society. They are also in charge of organization of divisional activities at Annual Meetings. Detailed accounts of the Divisional activities can be found on the ISE website. In accordance with the two-year cycle, there will be elections of new Division officers in fall of 2026.

Regional Sections represent the link of the Society to the communities of electrochemists. In the calendar year 2025, ISE functioned through 42 recognized *Regional Sections*. The reports on the activities of most *Regional Sections* are available on the website of the Society. In accordance with three- year cycle, new Regional Representatives for the term 2026-2028 will be elected this fall. Andrea Auer (Brazil), Milla Vikberg (Finland), Lior Elbaz (Israel),

Koji Amezawa (Japan), Linas Vilčiauskas (Lithuania), Nevenka Elezovic (Serbia), Servinc Kurbanoglu (Turkey) and Sudipta Roy (UK) will start their first term as Regional Representatives in 2026. Maria Escudero Escribano (Spain) and Adam Weber (USA) were re-elected and will serve their second term as Regional Representatives starting 2026. We all rely on the active participation of the *Regional Representatives* in the life of the Society, especially in recruiting new members and in maintaining and strengthening the links between the ISE and the local electrochemical communities.

Regional Representatives play critical role in promoting and organizing *ISE Topical Meetings* and supporting the *Annual Meeting*. I would like to thank all Regional Representatives whose tenure finishes at the end of the year and to welcome the cohort of new ISE activists on board! By building strong membership base we are opening the opportunities to recognizing *New Regions* and fortifying the standing and impact of traditional ones: please spread the word to all your professional colleagues and ask them to join our ranks!

Society functions specifically through its *Committees*, dedicated to the most critical ISE goals. *ISE Executive Committee* decided to strengthen the capacity of the *Scientific Meetings Committee* (SMC) by extending the term of its appointed members to four years. As a result, Rakel Wreland Lindstrom who served as *SMC Chair* in 2025 will remain serving for one more year (as Past-Chair) to ensure continuity of the most complex Meetings agenda. Silvia Cere will serve as the new Chair of the SMC in 2026; Steen Schougaard agreed to join the SMC and will serve on the SMC for the next 4 years (2026-2029).

ISE Executive Committee considers to further increase the role of the *Publications Committee* (PC). During 2025, Vito Di Noto, PC Chair has been a part of Elsevier negotiation process, selection and advancing of new policies and publication forms, as well as closer integration with EC organizational agenda. It is our aim to further strengthen this component of Society life and elevate the PC to a place similar to that occupied by SMC.

In the *Fellows Nominating Committee* (FNC), Shelley Minter was appointed to replace Maria Forsyth, whose regular five-year term ended on 31st December 2025. Shelley is returning to the FNC to complete her term, which was interrupted by her service as Vice-President. Hubert Gasteiger will Chair this most important *Fellows Nominating Committee* in 2026.

Membership: ISE recorded 3110 active members (including 15% students and 4% retired members) in 2025. This represents a slight increase in membership with respect to 2024, yet it lags the peak membership counts experienced before COVID pandemic. Stabilization and increase of the membership are our Society immediate goals. The ISE membership covers more than 70 countries and regions from all continents giving ISE truly global character. With an executive decision, EC set the membership fees for 2026 to a somewhat higher level in order to reflect the increasing costs and inflation rate for the recent years. Regular membership was set to 65 € while the discounted membership of 25 €, which applies young and emeritus members.

As you can see from this summary ISE remained active in all fundamental directions of its operation. I would like to assure you that the *Society* will continue to improve service to its members through various online and on-site activities and by going beyond traditional meetings – we will strive to make the ISE meaningful to the global electrochemical community during 2026 and beyond.

Beginning of a new year is the time of well-wishing and traditionally optimistic outlook. We all understand, however, that the coming year will be rather challenging one.

We live in increasingly complicated world which is reshaping rapidly. Sadly, many of the processes are divisive and strenuous. Many of our colleagues are being diverted from scientific activities in consequence of international conflicts or sudden shifts in funding policies. Despite these complications I remain deeply convinced that dedicated effort of the electrochemical community will not only promote our scientific field but also provide anxiously awaited technological solutions and will support further development of modern society.

Let me also express my deep conviction that *International Society of Electrochemistry* will play an important role in facilitating global efforts for better life in a more progressive, prosperous and educated society in 2026. I am certain that we as Society will be able to rely on the active support from each and every one of you in its mission. ISE is and remains membership-driven organization and its future is entirely based on the activity of its members.

I am ending this letter with my best wishes to all of you of good health, professional and personal success, and with the hope that we will meet at an ISE Meeting in 2026!

To the New 2026 – we accept the challenge!



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