

I am pleased to present the following candidate statement for the 2026 elections of the International Society of Electrochemistry (ISE) Vice President position:

My connection with the ISE began in 2002, when I first participated in ISE activities as a PhD student. Since that moment, ISE has played a fundamental role throughout my scientific career, accompanying my development from an early-career researcher to an internationally active scientist engaged in collaborations and scientific networks across Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, Latin America, and North America. Over the last two decades, my participation in the Society has continuously expanded through scientific meetings, divisional activities, collaborations, mentoring, and interactions with researchers at different professional stages.

As a senior researcher based in Natal (Brazil), I have directly experienced how international scientific integration can transform careers, create opportunities, and strengthen electrochemistry worldwide. These experiences also allowed me to recognize that additional efforts and new proposals are still necessary to better integrate students and young researchers into ISE activities during the earliest stages of their electrochemical careers as well as to the engagement of more active senior scientists.

If elected Vice President, one of my main priorities will be to reinforce the global inclusiveness of ISE while maintaining its tradition of scientific excellence. I strongly believe that the future of our Society depends on creating more opportunities for students and early-career researchers to actively participate, interact, and build international scientific networks from the beginning of their careers. In this context, I will support initiatives aimed at increasing mentoring activities, networking opportunities, training events, interdisciplinary discussions, and scientific exchanges that promote stronger integration within the worldwide electrochemistry community.

In addition, I aim to foster stronger collaborations between academia, industry, and international institutions, while promoting strategic actions that enhance diversity, scientific cooperation, and the global visibility of ISE. Special attention will also be devoted to emerging electrochemical communities and developing regions, where electrochemistry can play a transformative role in addressing global challenges related to energy, environment, water, and sustainability.

Having actively participated in ISE for nearly 25 years and experienced its impact at different professional levels, I remain fully committed to serving the Society with dedication, transparency, and an inclusive international perspective. It would be a great honor to contribute to the continued growth, integration, and excellence of ISE as Vice President.

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