

Report on the 23rd ISE Topical Meeting „Electrochemistry for Investigation of Biological Objects: from Functional Nanomaterials to Micro/Nano-Electrodes“

The 23rd ISE Topical Meeting „Electrochemistry for Investigation of Biological Objects: from Functional Nanomaterials to Micro/Nano-Electrodes“ took place in Joint Life Sciences Center (GMC) of Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania on May 8-11.



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The opening ceremony was held in the *Townhall of Vilnius*. The conference was opened by its chair **Prof. Rasa Pauliukaite**, Minister of Science and Education of the Republic of Lithuania **Mrs. Jurgita Petrauskienė**, Mayor of Vilnius **Mr. Remigijus Šimašius**, President of Lithuanian Academy of Science **Prof. Jūras Banys**, and Director of the Center for Physical Sciences and Technology (FTMC) **Prof. Gintaras Valušis**. ISE Past President **Prof. Christian Amatore** introduced *International Society of Electrochemistry* its mission and activities. **Prof. Fred Lisdat** welcomed participants as Chair of Division 2, which was sponsoring this meeting.

3 keynote lectures, 6 invited presentations, 45 oral presentations and 47 poster presentations were given at the conference. Before the first keynote lecture Deputy Director of FTMC **Prof. Rimantas Ramanauskas** and Director of GMC **Prof. Gintaras Valinčius** welcomed participants in the venue. Three keynote lectures were presented in the conference by **Prof. Plamen Atanassov** (USA), **Prof. Ana Maria Oliveira-Brett** (Portugal), and **Prof. Lo Gorton** (Sweden). Invited lectures were given by **Prof. Jacek Lipkowski** (Canada), **Prof. Gintaras Valinčius** (Lithuania), **Prof. José Manuel Pingarron** (Spain), **Prof. Christian Amatore** (France), **Prof. Fred Lisdat** (Germany) and **Prof. Orlando Fatibello-Filho** (Brazil).



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99 scientists from 25 countries (Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, UK, USA, Taiwan, and Turkey) participated in the 23rd ISE Topical Meeting, moreover, almost half of the participants were young researchers.



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Guests had a possibility to get acquainted with the capital of Lithuania in a free walking excursion in the historical centre of Vilnius. On the second day of the conference participants enjoyed the Gala Dinner in Belmontas place. There researchers could not only discuss collaborations but also sense Lithuanian culture with the Lithuanian folklore ensemble „Ratilio“. During Gala Dinner, the member of Grotthuss foundation **Prof.**

Rimantas Ramanauskas awarded the *Grotthuss Medals* to former ISE Presidents **Prof. Christopher M.A. Brett** and **Prof. Christian Amatore**.

Great thanks to all participants, Organising Committee: **Prof. Renata Bilewicz (Poland)**, **Prof. Pawel Krysinski (Poland)**, **Prof. Elisabeth Lojou (France)**, **Prof. Albertas Malinauskas, (Lithuania)**, **Prof. Gintaras Valincius (Lithuania)**, and the biggest one to the local organisers: **Prof. Rimantas Ramanauskas**, **dr. Jurga Juodkazytė**, **dr. Asta Grigucevičienė**, **Lukas Laurinavičius**, **Titas Širšinaitis**, **Laurynas Staišiūnas** and others.

During the closing ceremony conference chair encouraged participants to submit manuscripts to the special issue of ISE journal “Electrochimica Acta”, which is devoted to the 23rd ISE Topical Meeting.



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