

Dear ISE Members, Colleagues,

First, I want to say that I'm truly honored to be running for ISE President Elect, and I would like to acknowledge the support of the ISE board and nominating committee. Thank you for your trust and confidence in my abilities, and your consideration of my candidacy for this office. I will be delighted to serve the International Society of Electrochemistry as President Elect, and I'm humbled, especially considering the many outstanding and tireless leaders who keep this distinguished organization at the forefront of electrochemical science and technology.

In recent decades, electrochemistry has flourished as a separate field of knowledge and has become of paramount importance in materials science and nanotechnology, chemistry, physics, manufacturing and engineering, biology and environmental S&T, etc. On the other hand, we face increasing challenges related to global environmental, social and economic issues. In many instances, we are responsible to help shape these global landscapes through our work and commitments to the Society. For the wise, the brave, and the insightful, this is the time of unprecedented opportunities.

I know and have built relationships with many of you through ISE, but for those I have not met, let me share with you my path towards becoming involved with this great organization. I became an ISE member in 1994 during my early years as a graduate student at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Since then, I have contributed to and benefited from the Society which provided me not only great educational opportunities, and also a network of wonderful friends around the world. Over the years, I served as a Division 3 officer, and most recently, became ISE Vice President.

As we grow as a society, it has become more important to explicitly refer to the core values from which ISE develops its inclusive culture, mission and unique agenda and framework. My priorities will be to (1) advance knowledge of electrochemistry and encourage research in related fields of science and technology, (2) continue to develop programs, benefits and services to assist ISE members, (3) introduce a social media strategy that broadens ISE's appeal to the online community, and (4) build and maintain a culture that encourages, supports, and respects the unique backgrounds and experiences of our members, partners and sponsors.

I strive to build more connections within ISE and reach out to our partners and sponsors around the world. I am committed to demonstrate our leadership at all levels, and constantly show a mutual commitment to support members' efforts. I will be listening carefully to your ideas, suggestions, comments, improvements and criticisms. If you want to make a difference, I will be there to assist you.

I know this position is a significant commitment and I'm prepared to build upon the successes of the past and fulfill the Society's mission to promote, support and protect our interests in the wider electrochemical community. Thank you for your support.

With my best regards,  
Robert