

Brief Biographic info

Wataru Sugimoto received his PhD in Inorganic Materials Chemistry in 1999 from Waseda University and immediately was appointed as Assistant Professor at Shinshu University, JAPAN. He presently holds positions as Distinguished Professor of Materials Chemistry at RISM (Research Initiative for Supra-Materials) and FTST (Faculty of Textile Science and Technology) at Shinshu University.

Prof. Sugimoto has 23 years of experience in energy storage (supercapacitors, battery-supercapacitor hybrids) and energy conversion (fuel cell anodes and cathodes, Pt and non-Pt) with special emphasis on two dimensional nanosheets. He has been an active member of ISE Division 3 since 2001 and served as Vice-Chair for 2021-2022. He has contributed to the organization of numerous international conferences including ISE annual and topical meetings, ECS meetings, PRiME, ACEPS, ISEECap, ICAC, and more. Prof. Sugimoto has published approximately 140 papers (10 in *Electrochimica Acta*) and was awarded the 2005 Oronzio De Nora Foundation Prize of ISE on Electrochemical Energy Conversion. He presently serves as Editorial board for *Electrocatalysis* (Springer Nature), *Chemistry Letters* (CSJ), and *Electrochemistry* (ECSJ).

Brief Statement of Candidacy

As one of the largest divisions in ISE, Division 3 is the cutting-edge in enhancing science and technology in electrochemical energy storage and conversion and strengthen future related research. I believe that the immediate issues to concentrate on as Chair-Elect are; (1) Support members to build symposia and meetings that can promote in-depth discussion and social networking among attendees (in-person, hybrid, virtual); i.e. funding and organization. Coping with time-zones will be a major challenge. (2) Foster collaborative events to enable fruitful interactions between regions and disciplines. I believe that ISE is just the right size (not too small, not too big). (3) Recognize and encourage Rising Stars through symposium-based award programs. Financial support for early career joint startup projects (not just travel funding).

With my experience in the organization of various international conferences and board member of both international and domestic Societies, I believe that I can expand and strengthen the global role that ISE-D3 has taken part in so far. ISE has been an important part of my international career since 2001. I have always valued the scientific quality and multi-cultural atmosphere of ISE. I am fortunate that I have built many valued and lasting friendships through our community. It is indeed an honor for me to be considered for this prestigious position to further serve our Division and our esteemed Society.