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FROM THE PRESIDENT—

A Message from our New President

Just a few brief words as I start tackling the job of SEAC President--

I would first like to thank Andy Ewing, our former president, for all his efforts on behalf of SEAC over the past two years. I know he would join me in also thanking the committee members and other officers who also contributed to the improvements in our financial and professional status during his term.

In our next newsletter, I will outline my goals for SEAC over the next two years as well as update you on some of the issues that I feel we need to address at our next annual meeting at PITTCON 2008. I look forward to returning to New Orleans and hope to see many of you there.

I hope you take the time to read and enjoy reports here of the accomplishments of your SEAC colleagues and to read about some landmark birthdays that were celebrated by some of our long-standing members. As you will see, we continue to welcome more students and established scientists to our ranks, and to add to those who enjoy Life Membership in the Society.

Congratulations are in order to Hector Abruña and Shelley Minteer, our Reilley and Young Investigator Award winners for 2008. Having read about Tito's work over the years and watched Shelley's progress at Iowa, it is clear that this year's awardees continue the tradition of excellent science and service to the scientific community that have been a hallmark of past recipients.

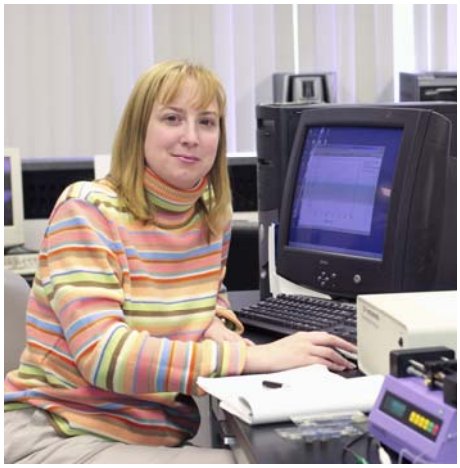
--Susan Lunte

REILLEY INVESTIGATOR AWARD FOR 2008

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the winners of the 2008 SEAC AWARDS.

Prof. Hector D. Abruña, Émile M.Chamot Professor and Chair of Chemistry at Cornell University (nominated by Prof. Christian Amatore, Ecole Normale Superiore), has been selected as the 2008 recipient of the C. N. Reilley Award. Professor Abruña worked as a graduate student with Royce W. Murray and Thomas J. Meyer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and carried out postdoctoral studies with Allen Bard. After a brief time at the University of Puerto Rico, he joined the faculty at Cornell in 1983. Professor Abruña has been the recipient of numerous other awards including a Presidential Young Investigator Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship, a John S. Guggenheim Fellowship, the Tajima Prize of the International Society of Electrochemistry, a J. W. Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship and an Iberdrola Fellowship. He is also a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Professor Abruña and his group are engaged in the study of a wide range of electrochemical phenomena including Fuel cells, molecular electronics, lithium ion batteries, OLEDs and biosensors. Prof. Abruña has served as advisor to 30 Ph.D. students and 30 post-docs.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD FOR 2008



Prof. Shelley Minteer, St Louis University (nominated by Prof. Johna Leddy, University of Iowa) has been selected as the 2008 Young Investigator Awardee. Professor Minteer began her career as an undergraduate at Western Illinois University and, staying in the Midwest, received her PhD from University of Iowa. Professor Minteer's research has three major areas of focus: the design of magnetic microparticle/catalyst electrodes for improving electrosynthetic processes, conductive molecularly imprinted polymers for sensor and drug deliver applications, and high power density and long lifetime biofuel cells. She has also been the recipient of the Missouri Inventor of the Year Award (2006), Academy of Science of St. Louis Innovation Award (2005), Saint Louis University Award for Excellence in Teaching (2004), and the Saint Louis University Student Government Association Faculty Excellence Award (2004 and 2006).

Please join us in congratulating these two outstanding individuals for their contributions to the field of electroanalytical chemistry.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION IN RECENT MONTHS

Hector Abruña (in addition to the Reilley Award) has received the ***ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Award in Electrochemistry***, sponsored by ColeParmer. ***Robert Corn,*** University of California, Irvine, a long time friend of SEAC, has received the ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Award in Spectrochemical Analysis. These awards are presented to individuals who have advanced the field by way of development of instrumentation that has made a significant impact, elucidation of important events or processes, or authorship of seminal research papers or books.

R. Mark Wightman *Recognized with 2008* ***ACS Analytical Chemistry Award***

This award focuses particularly on originality and importance of the awardee's work in terms of society as a whole. Mark, the W. R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since 1989, is also a faculty member in the Neurobiology Curriculum and the Neuroscience Center. His research in electrochemistry and neurochemistry, particularly in the area of in vivo detection, has had far-reaching implications in the study of dynamic chemical communication in the brain reward system. Mark is a long time member of SEAC and former President of the Society.

Charles R (Chuck) Martin *wins Nano 50 Award*

Charles Martin, the Colonel Allen R. and Margaret G. Crow Professor of Chemistry at the University of Florida and Director of the Center for Research at the Bio/Nano Interface has been awarded a Nano 50 Award from Nanotech Briefs. Each year Nanotech Briefs presents awards to leaders or pioneers in a specific area of nanotechnology. The awardees are selected based on a significant background of accomplishments in extending the field of nanotechnology. Chuck will be picking up his award at the NASA Tech Briefs National Nano Engineering Conference in Boston in November.

Joe Wang *is now a Doctor three times over!*

Dr. Joseph Wang, Director of the Center for Bioelectronics and Biosensors at the Arizona State University Biodesign Institute, has been awarded Honorary Professor Degrees from two European universities this June. Complutense University of Madrid (Spain's largest university), and the National Institute of Chemistry in Ljubljana, Slovenia recognized Wang's lifetime contributions to the fields of science and engineering.

Joe Wang is the author of 725 papers and 10 books and has been recognized by the ISI as the "Most Cited Scientist in the Engineering World" (1996-2006) and was ranked number four on the ISI's list of "Most Cited Researchers in Chemistry" (1996-2006).

Congratulations in order for ***Dennis Peters***

Dennis Peters, Herman T. Briscoe Professor of Chemistry at Indiana University, sends us news that he has recently been elected as Fellow of The Electrochemical Society, and was to be inducted as a member of the 2007 class of Fellows at the October, 2007 meeting of The Electrochemical Society in Washington, D.C.

RECENT Birthday GATHERINGS

Happy 60th Birthday to ***Israel Rubenstein****!!*

At the end of August a conference (chairpersons: Zineb Mekhalif and Christian Amatore) in honor of Israel Rubenstein's 60th birthday took place in Namur, Belgium.

Opening with a lecture by Israel entitled "From Electrochemistry to Nanochemistry: my First 38 Years of Research," talks from a number of friends, colleagues and former students followed.

More information can be found on the website for the conference: http://webapps.fundp.ac.be/chimie/electrochimie/

A group photo of all the participants;

Invited speakers (from left: Weiss, Schmuki, Amatore, Bard, Tadjeddine, Buess-Herman, Janata, Rubinstein, Reinhoudt, Mekhalif, Vaskevich, Girault, Golan).

The family having a good time in Bruges after the conference (from left: Ron, Beverly, Tali, Tammi, Yael, Israel).

Mark Wightman (featured above as the 2008 ACS Analytical Chemistry Awardee) recently celebrated a landmark birthday, marked by a gathering of the many students, colleagues, and friends in Chapel Hill. The celebration included talks by many of these as well as a poster session. A group photo appears below and the program and more details and photos are available at www.wd60.com

Group photo from Mark's 60th birthday celebration, held in Chapel Hill.

WITH DEEPEST REGRETS

Prof. Roger Gordon Bates, an Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at the University of Florida has passed on August 20th. Roger was best known for his work on accurate pH measurements (featured in a SEAC Newsletter in 2001).

Born in Cummington, Massachusetts in 1912, Roger worked his way through high school and college (BS, U. Mass, 1934). He received the MA and PhD degrees at Duke, before carrying out postdoctoral work at Yale. From 1939 until 1969, Roger was a physical chemist at the National Bureau of Standards.

Roger Bates was the author of a graduate-level textbook and more than two hundred journal articles. He was honored for his work with awards from professional organizations both in this country and in England. Upon his retirement from NBS in 1969, he accepted a position on the chemistry faculty at the University of Florida, where he taught until 1979. Roger continued to be involved in graduate education at the University of Florida long past his retirement from active research. He taught jointly, with Herb Laitinen, a graduate analytical chemistry course and established a Bates and Laitinen Award in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Florida that each year

recognizes outstanding analytical graduate students at the University of Florida. Roger was an accomplished musician, and he continued to play the organ until well into his retirement years. Also an avid tennis player, he continued to enjoy the sport until the age of 92.

Those who would like to make memorial contributions may do so through the Roger G. and Jo J. Bates Scholarship at the Department of Chemistry, University of Florida, P. O. Box 117200, Gainesville FL 32611. (Online contributions: <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/FundDetail.asp?FundCode=006103>).

GOINGS AND COMINGS

From Karen Ayers:
Karen left Energizer in mid-June to take a new job managing research projects with Proton Energy, part of Distributed Energy Systems (for now).

Proton Energy is a small company that makes electrolyzers for industrial gas applications as well as fueling and backup power applications. I love it here and have found it a very good fit for me. We relocated the family to Connecticut, which has also been a good move for us. My new contact info is

Email: kayers@distributed-energy.com
Phone: 203-678-2190

My email will likely change by the end of the year since Proton is being sold (which I knew when I started) but I will update as that happens.

WHAT HAPPENS TO AN ELECTROCHEMIST WHEN THEIR COMPANY TRANSFORMS??

Deniz Schildkraut (Eastman Kodak) has begun a series of blogs since her own transformations at Kodak. The first is on motion stabilization in Kodak cameras (http://denizschildkraut.1000nerds.kodak.com/default.asp?item=543746). She is now planning a blog focused on electrochemistry for non-electrochemists and would welcome any and all suggestions at denis.schildkraut@kodak.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Student Members
Lisa Harlow, Michigan State University
Kane Barker, Georgia Institute of Technology
Jennifer Fedorowski, University of Maryland – Baltimore County
Bo Zhang, Pennsylvania State University
Imee Arcibal, Pennsylvania State University
Praneshware Sethupathy, University of South Carolina

New Regular members
Michael Heien, Pennsylvania State University
Michael Zach, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Completed Lifetime payments
Michael Freund, University of Manitoba
Rose Clark, St. Francis University
George Wilson, University of Kansas

DONATIONS

The Society recently received major contributions from Fred and Roxana Anson and from Bill Heineman. A big "Thank you" is in order to these individuals.

And—lest we forget—SEAC also benefits greatly from sponsorship for the Reilley and Young Investigator Awards from our Corporate donors, BAS and Cypress Systems. Our student travel awards benefit from the generosity of Eco Chemie, Princeton Applied Research, CH Instruments, Gamry Instruments, and Nova Biomedical

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2009 REILLEY AND YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Reilley and Young Investigator Awards. The *Charles N. Reilley Award in Electroanalytical Chemistry* is given in memory of one of the most distiguished analytical chemists of the 20th century. Reilley's interests were both fundamental and broad; he made seminal contributions not only to electroanalysis, but also optical spectroscopy, NMR, chromatography, data analysis, instrumentation, and surface analysis. The signature of his research was to decline empiricism, seeking a basic understanding of measurements and detection schemes. Reilley recognized that measuring things is at the heart of modern chemistry. Reilley is central in the history of the Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry, which was formed following his death in 1981, as a vehicle for managing the award. A biography of Charles N. Reilley, by Royce Murray, is available at: http://newton.nap.edu/html/biomems/creilley.pdf

Nominations for the Reilley Award should include a letter of nomination describing the individual's significant contributions to electroanalytical chemistry, at least two seconding letters of support, and a curriculum vitae for the individual. All nomination materials will be retained by SEAC. Once nominated, any individual will be considered for the Reilley Award for three years without being renominated. The submission of any additional supporting information or a renomination is welcome at any time, however, **the decision for the 2009Award will be based upon the material that is available to the Award Committee by the 15th of February, 2008.**

For the SEAC Young Investigator Award, sponsored by Cypress Systems, nominees must be within seven years of obtaining their Ph.D. or other terminal degree at the time of nomination. Candidates may be nominated by any member of SEAC. Nominations should include a letter describing the individual's promise in the area of electroanalytical chemistry, at least one seconding letter of support, and a curriculum vitae for the individual. All nomination materials will be retained by SEAC. Candidates for the YI Award must be renominated each year during their period of eligibility. **Nominations for the 2008 YI award are due by the 15th of February, 2008.**

The SEAC Graduate Student Travel Grant, sponsored by Eco Chemie, Princeton Applied Research, CH Instruments, Gamry Instruments, and Nova Biomedical, is awarded to promising graduate students to offset the cost of travel to the Pittsburgh Conference to deliver an oral presentation in a Conference symposium. The presentation should be on a topic related to their Dissertation or Thesis, and in some area or application of electroanalytical chemistry. Because the costs in various venues of the Conference may vary, the amount of the award will be determined by SEAC and will be between $250 and $500. The value of all of the awards in any one year will be equivalent, but it may vary from year to year. The award will not exceed the reasonable cost of advance-purchase economy airfare and reasonable expenses for lodging, nor the awardee's actual expenses. In order to spread the travel money as equitably as possible, not more than two awardees will be selected from any one research group and no more than three awards will be made to students from any one educational institution. **Nominations for travel grants are due to the SEAC awards committee chair by January 15th**. The nomination shall consist of the student's current graduate transcript, a copy of the abstract submitted to the Pittsburgh Conference, a complete resume including publication list, and a letter of recommendation from the student's research advisor. The advisor's letter should include a statement of approximate graduation date and a short description of the student's speaking ability. A candidate shall be considered for an award for travel to Pittcon meetings occurring up to one year after the student's Ph.D. defense. Previous awardees will not be eligible for further consideration. More details on the awards as well as a list of former awardees can be found at http://www.electroanalytical.org/awards.html

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR SEAC OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is nearly time to elect new officers and board members. The terms of office for the following SEAC Directors will expire after June 30, 2008:

Ingrid Fritsch
Petr Vanysek
Tom Ridgway

As stated in the Society's Bylaws, these individuals are not eligible for immediate re-election as Directors.

The Nominating Committee (Chaired by Carol Korzeniewski) is currently preparing a slate of candidates to fill three positions on the Board of Directors and for the Officers. This list, according to the Bylaws, will include any person

nominated by at least 10 members of the Society together with others deemed appropriate by the nominating committee. The list of candidates must be submitted to the Secretary by November 15 for the election to be held during the period December 1 – January 15. You are hereby invited to submit your suggestion(s) directly to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

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The term for the new Board of Directors members will be from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2013.
The Secretary and Treasurer terms are from July1, 2008 – June 30, 2010.
The President elected will serve the following terms:

July1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 President Elect
July1, 2009 – June 30, 2011 President
July1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 Past President

A SLICE OF HISTORY

Ever wonder who has been an officer or board member of SEAC?? Jon Howell (with the assistance of Joe Maloy) recently compiled the following list.

		President	**President-Elect**	**Past-President**	**Secretary**	**Treasurer**
1984	1985	*William Heineman*	*Joseph Maloy*		*Janet Osteryoung*	*Larry Faulkner*
1985	1986	*Joseph Maloy*	*Janet Osteryoung*	*William Heineman*	*Mark Wightman*	*Larry Faulkner*
1986	1987	*Janet Osteryoung*	*Peter Kissinger*	*Joseph Maloy*	*Mark Wightman*	*Larry Faulkner*
1987	1988	*Peter Kissinger*		*Janet Osteryoung*	*Joseph Maloy*	*Larry Faulkner*
1988	1989	*Peter Kissinger*	Barry Miller		Joseph Maloy	Frank Schultz
1989	1990	Barry Miller		*Peter Kissinger*	Joseph Maloy	Frank Schultz
1990	1991	Barry Miller	Royce Murray		Joseph Maloy	Frank Schultz
1991	1992	Royce Murray		Barry Miller	Joseph Maloy	Frank Schultz
1992	1993	Royce Murray	Dennis Evans		Joseph Maloy	Frank Schultz
1993	1994	Dennis Evans		Royce Murray	Joseph Maloy	Frank Schultz
1994	1995	Dennis Evans	Richard McCreery		Joseph Maloy	Joseph Gordon
1995	1996	Richard McCreery		Dennis Evans	Joseph Maloy	Joseph Gordon
1996	1997	Richard McCreery	R. Mark Wightman		Joseph Maloy	Joseph Gordon
1997	1998	R. Mark Wightman		Richard McCreery	Joseph Maloy	Joseph Gordon
1998	1999	R. Mark Wightman	Stephen G. Weber		Andrew Ewing	Joseph Maloy
1999	2000	Stephen G. Weber		R. Mark Wightman	Andrew Ewing	Joseph Maloy
2000	2001	Stephen G. Weber	Mark Meyerhoff		Sue Lunte	Joseph Maloy
2001	2002	Mark Meyerhoff		Stephen G. Weber	Sue Lunte	Joseph Maloy
2002	2003	Mark Meyerhoff	Henry White		Sue Lunte	Johna Leddy
2003	2004	Henry White		Mark Meyerhoff	Sue Lunte	Johna Leddy
2004	2005	Henry White	Andrew Ewing		Rick Baldwin	Johna Leddy
2005	2006	Andrew Ewing		Henry White	Rick Baldwin	Johna Leddy
2006	2007	Andrew Ewing	Sue Lunte		Jon Howell	Johna Leddy
2007	2008	Sue Lunte		Andrew Ewing	Jon Howell	Johna Leddy
2008	2009	Sue Lunte	Richard Durst			
2009	2010	Richard Durst		Sue Lunte		

SEAC Board of Directors

Term			
1984-1985	*Ralph Adams*	*Fred Anson*	*Allen J. Bard*
1984-1986	*Stanley Bruckenstein*	*Royce W. Murray*	*Robert A. Osteryoung*
1984-1987	*Dennis H Evans*	*Theodore Kuwana*	*Janet G. Osteryoung*
1984-1988	*Dennis C. Johnson*	*Peter T. Kissinger*	*Joseph T. Maloy*
1984-1989	*Larry R. Faulkner*	*William R. Heineman*	*Stephen G. Weber*

1985-1990	Henry N. Blount III	Richard P. Buck	R. Mark Wightman
1986-1991	Richard L. McCreery	Barry Miller	George S. Wilson
1987-1992	Richard Durst	Fred M. Hawkridge	Arthur T. Hubbard
1988-1993	James Q. Chambers	Robert J. Nowak	William G. Peterson
1989-1994	C. Michael Elliot	Mark E. Meyerhoff	Joseph Wang
1990-1995	Hector Abruña	Therese Cotton	Charles R. Martin
1991-1996	Anna Brajter-Toth	Royce Engstrom	Bruce Parkinson
1992-1997	Neal R. Armstrong	William E. Geiger	Joseph G. Gordon
1993-1998	Daniel A. Buttry	Gary D. Christian	Andrew G. Ewing
1994-1999	Edmond Bowden	D. Jed Harrison	Joseph T. Hupp
1995-2000	James Anderson	Marcin Majda	Robert Rodgers
1996-2001	James A. Cox	Richard M. Crooks	Debra R. Rolison
1997-2002	Craig Bruntlett	Johna Leddy	Dennis Tallman
1998-2003	Richard Baldwin	Susan Lunte	Marc Porter
1999-2004	Andrew Gilicinski	Harry Mark	Adrian Michael
2000-2005	Lou Coury	Howard Dewald	Greg Swain
2001-2006	Larry Bottomley	Samuel Kounaves	James Rusling
2002-2007	Werner Kuhr	Craig Lunte	Joe Maloy
2003-2008	Ingrid Fritsch	Tom Ridgway	Petr Vanysek
2004-2009	Leonidas Bachas	Jonathon Howell	William LaCourse
2005-2010	Eric Bakker	Stephen Creager	Judith Faye Rubinson
2006-2011	Carol Korzeniewski	Richard Van Duyne	Mary Beth Williams
2007-2012	Robin McCarley	Keith Stevenson	Cynthia Zoski
2008-2013	Katherine Ayers	Daniel Feldheim	Jean-Michel Kauffmann
2009-2014	Philippe Buhlmann	Jon Kirchhoff	Shelley Minteer

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(Joe didn't know the identity of Faraday Farbuncle, but has a stack of old electroanalytical newsletters from the 1970s that originated from Purdue!).

Joe also recalled that the original SEAC Officers (noted in italics) were appointed by the founding Board of Directors (also noted in italics) and those Directors elected subsequently. Barry Miller was the first President elected by the membership in a special election held in 1988. When the Bylaws were amended in 1988, a method for the direct election of Officers was included and the term of office was changed to two years for the Secretary and Treasurer, and four years for the President (two as president, one as President-Elect and one as Past President). Election of Officers now takes place in odd numbered years for terms of office commencing in the following even numbered year.

It is worth noting that Joe Maloy has served as either an officer or a board member ever since the founding of our Society. Thank you, Joe!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

ECS meetings:

Phoenix, Arizona, May 18-23, 2008,http://www.electrochem.org/meetings/biannual/213/213.htm
Honolulu, Hawaii Oct. 12-17, 2008, http://www.electrochem.org/meetings/biannual/214/214.htm

ISE meetings:

Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, March 17-19, 2008 (6th ISE Spring Meeting), http://spring08.ise-online.org/
Seville, Spain September 7 – 12, 2008, (Annual Meeting) http://event08.ise-online.org

Bunsen Colloquium, 65 Years of Potentiostats, November 8th - 9th, 2007, Fraunhofer IKTS, Dresden, http://www.ikts.fraunhofer.de/events/tagungen/bunsen_en.html

XVIII Congreso de la Sociedad Iberoamericana de Electroquímica (XVIII Meeting of the Iberoamerican Society of Electrochemistry), Medellín, Colombia, March 10-14, 2008, http://servicios.udea.edu.co/Congreso2008/

1st Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry of South-east Europe, Crveni otok/Rovinj/Istra, Croatia, May 4-8, 2008, http://www.rse-see.net

6th Asian Conference on Electrochemistry, Taipei, Taiwan, May 11-14, 2008, http://www.acec2008.org
ESEAC 2008, Prague, Czech Republic, June 16-19, 2008, http://www.eseac2008.drasar.com/

4th Gerischer Symposium, Berlin, Germany, June 25-27, 2008, www.uni-ulm.de/ge-symp

1st International Symposium on Electrochemistry, Bellville, South Africa, June 19-21, 2008

Faraday Discussion 140: Electrocatalysis - Theory and Experiment at the Interface, Southampton, UK, July 7-9, 2008, www.rsc.org/FD140

And last but not least…

PITTCON, New Orleans, LA, USA, March 1-7, 2008, www.pittcon.org. Look for SEAC activities at PITTCON in the next edition of the Newsletter.