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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SEAC Members,

I hope you all enjoy this exciting issue of SEAC Communications. Please check out the article on Ted Kuwana's 85th birthday that was written by his daughter Ellen, as well as the article on Petr Zuman's 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Petr and Ted!!!! Both of your contributions to electroanalytical chemistry are legendary.

I would like to point out that Jill Venton is currently taking nominations for three Board of Directors positions, so please nominate your favorite electroanalytical chemists for the SEAC Board. Also, I would like to thank Takashi Ito on working diligently to get this SEAC Communication out in a timely manner. Remember that Takashi is also looking for submissions for the newsletter, so feel free to let him know about news, awards, new conferences, etc.

Well, Fall has arrived and abstracts have all been submitted to Pittcon, so many of you are probably considering your travel plans for Pittcon. Therefore, I want to remind you of two changes that were discussed at the board meeting last year. The first is a change to the day and time of the board meeting. The board meeting will now be on **Sunday evening** instead of Monday at lunch. Secondly, Erin Gross, Maral Mousavi, and Tim Paschkewitz are organizing a networking session for young electrochemists called "**Student-Faculty-Industry Networking: Getting Students Prepared for their Careers"**, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7, 2017,** starting at **10:30 AM.** More details will come in the future, but I wanted to remind everybody of these events, so they can prepare their travel accordingly.

Have a great fall!!!

Sincerely,

Shelley Minteer
President, 2015-2017

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REMINDER – NOMINATIONS FOR SEAC BOARD AND OFFICERS

Nominations are now open for three positions on the Board of Directors. Those elected will serve for 2017-2022.

All members in good standing are eligible for the Board, with the exception of the following members who have recently stepped down and are not eligible for election to the Board until 2017:

David Cliffel *David Cunningham* *Jill Venton*

The current members of the Board are:

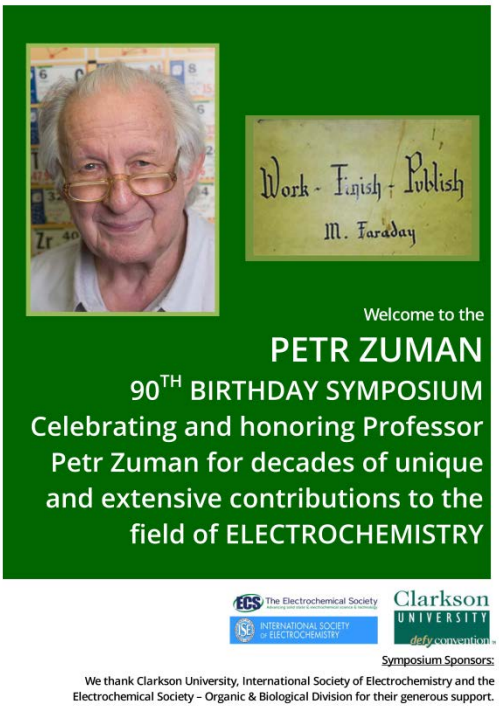
2012-2017	Rose Ann Clark, Steve Maldonado, Greg Swain
2013-2018	Lane Baker, Leslie Sombers, Bo Zhang
2014-2019	Erin Gross, Michael Johnson, Tim Paschkewitz
2015-2020	Ingrid Fritsch, David Wipf, Michael Heien
2016-2021	Takashi Ito, Parastoo Hashemi, and Ryan White

As specified in the bylaws, the list of nominees shall include the name of each candidate suggested by more than ten members and all other candidates deemed appropriate by the Nominating Committee. Nominations should be forwarded to Jill Venton, jventon@virginia.edu, the Chair of the Nominations Committee, by October 15th for consideration, and election materials will be sent to all members in good standing as of November 1st.

PETR ZUMAN – 90 YEARS OF ELECTROCHEMISTRY

Clarkson University: http://www.clarkson.edu/news/2016/news-release_2016-08-19-1.html

Students, collaborators, friends and colleagues from Petr Zuman's many years in the electrochemistry community and his decades of teaching at Clarkson University gathered on June 29th and 30th in Lake Placid, NY, to celebrate his 90th birthday. Organized by Jim Rusling (U. Conn) and the Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science at Clarkson University, the symposium was co-sponsored by the Electrochemical Society's Organic and Biological Chemistry Division and the International Society of Electrochemistry. The attendees travelled from throughout the US, Canada, Italy, Czech Republic and Turkey, and the program included a wealth of personal stories along with scientific contributions paying tribute to his contributions to organic and biochemical electrochemistry as well as his fundamental studies in organic polarography. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of organic polarography, the Czech Chemical Society (http://www.csch.cz/en) awarded Petr Zuman its Chemical Medal, one of its highest awards during the Symposium.



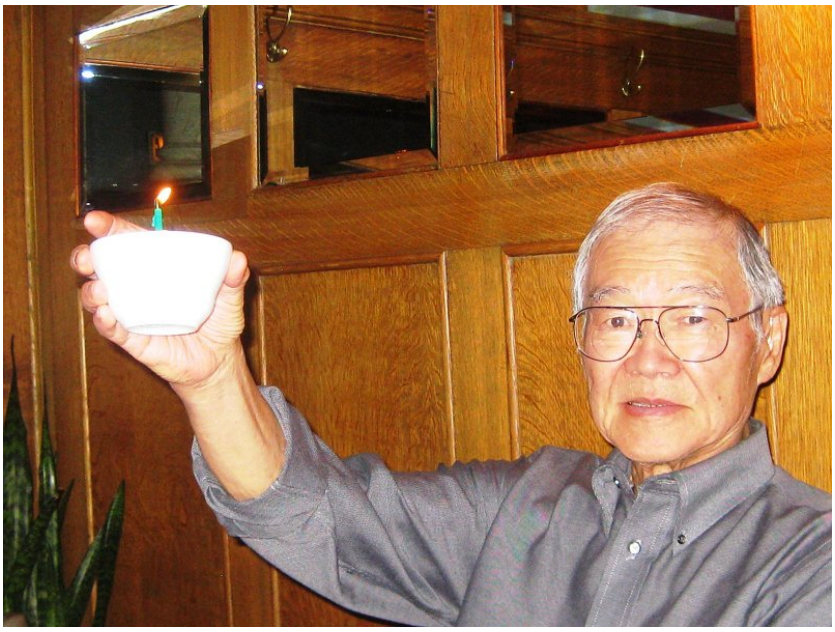
Dr. Zuman is currently a Distinguished Emeritus Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science at Clarkson, but his journey began in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He survived Nazi occupation of his homeland, and he enrolled at Charles University in Prague after the war. In 1950, Dr. Zuman was awarded an RNDr, the equivalent of a Ph.D. He became one of the first researchers in the newly created Central Polarographic Institute of Prague and was rapidly promoted to Head of the Organic Division of the Institute. He was mentored by, and worked and studied under the direction of Nobel Laureate in Chemistry (1959), J. Heyrovsky. In 1960, Dr. Zuman was awarded a doctor of science degree by the Czechoslovakia Academy of Sciences. After a period at the University of Birmingham in England in the late 1960s, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1970 and joined Clarkson University's Department of Chemistry. Retiring in 1996, Dr. Zuman was appointed Distinguished Emeritus Research Professor. He continues to be active in the scientific community and the Department of Chemistry, still publishing, teaching and mentoring students. He has authored 17 books and his latest publication (#451) is entitled "Diffusion, Adsorption and Electrode Kinetics of Electrooxidations on a Stationary Solid Electrode". It is currently in press for publication in *Electroanalysis*.

Zuman displays the Czech Chemical Society Medal, which was presented to him at the symposium.

In recognition for his significant contributions to the field of electroanalytical chemistry, the Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science at Clarkson has established an endowed "Petr Zuman Award in Chemistry" to honor and celebrate Petr's accomplishments.

THEODORE (TED) KUWANA CELEBRATES 85TH BIRTHDAY

A contribution by Ellen Kuwana, his daughter



When I told dad that I'd been asked to write up something about him for this newsletter, he pursed his lips and said, "I don't like articles about myself." So I tried to present it as an opportunity to talk about the successes his students have had, to which he said, "Okay, I'll think about it." He also said that there are so many people who helped him along the way, too many to mention by name.

His academic bio reads: Ted received his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Antioch College in 1954, an M.S. in Chemistry from Cornell University in 1956 and his Ph.D. in 1959 from the University of Kansas under the direction of Professor Ralph N. Adams. Following a postdoctoral stint with Professor Fred C. Anson at Caltech, he joined the faculty at the UC Riverside, first as a Visiting Assistant Professor in 1960, thanks to Professor Don Sawyer. He moved to Case Western Reserve University in 1965 as an Associate Professor and was promoted to Professor in 1968. In 1971, he moved to Ohio State University and then returned in 1985 to KU as Regents Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Bioanalytical Research.

His academic bio doesn't convey his remarkable life story, though. He was born in 1931 in rural Idaho, the sixth child of Japanese immigrants. His father on arriving from Japan encountered hostility in California and made his way inland, working in lead and copper mines, and finally as a tenant potato farmer in Idaho. When Ted was 10, his father died of nose cancer, and two years later, his mother died of uterine cancer. His oldest brother was 19 and took over running the farm. The three oldest brothers worked the farm, and the two sisters and Ted went to school weekdays, working on the farm the rest of the time. Two older brothers served in the U.S. army during WWII, one in the highly decorated 442nd Infantry Battalion, which was composed of all-Nisei (second-generation Japanese Americans) soldiers.

His mother's dying wish was that Ted get an education, so they all sacrificed to make that happen. He remembers being taught the Bill of Rights in school, and soon thereafter a teacher who had been deputized by the FBI showed up at their door to search the house and farm during WWII. Records, photos, letters, flashlights, guns, knives, and radios were confiscated. Imagine going to the outhouse in the dark without a flashlight and trying to run a farm without a knife to cut barbed wire or rope. German POWs on work release toiled alongside Japanese Americans from nearby Minidoka prison camp. A quirk of geography is all that kept my dad and his family from being locked up.

School kids taunted and picked fights. Ted was lucky, his friend Jack Hirai knew judo and defended dad at school. He had to work hard as a child and grow up fast. That work ethic and thriftiness never left him. A good student with no parents and little money, how was he going to fulfill his mother's wish? He started at the beginning of the alphabet in the college catalogues in the school library and found Antioch, which allowed students to work alternate semesters to earn at least a portion of tuition and board. It was also a very liberal school with most students coming from the Eastern Seaboard states.

A young faculty member at Antioch, Professor Richard Yalman, took dad under his wing to conduct research on cobaltamines. Dad discovered an unusual isomerization that resulted in a JACS paper and gave an oral report at the National American Chemical Society meeting as a senior undergraduate in 1954. He says that he felt most fortunate to do his PhD research with Professor Ralph Adams as his research advisor at Kansas. Ralph was an innovative and creative thinker, giving his students freedom to pursue their own ideas. He also was like a father to my dad, and the Adams' were family to him.

It was as a young professor at UC Riverside that he met a bright graduate student in chemistry, Jane Bader, now Jane Kuwana. It was his smartest move, as her writing and editing contributions elevated his work (and that of his students). Marc Porter recently shared that when he joined Ted's lab at OSU, grad students talked with fear and awe of the chance of Jane editing their manuscripts. One student had gotten the comment, "Goes out with a whimper…" on a manuscript.

I remember he used to take me to lab sometimes at OSU—he always took the stairs. I had to race to keep up with him. In the mid-70s, he had an emergency knee surgery for a staph infection, and while recovering the next day in the hospital, saw on TV that his OSU lab was on fire. He immediately called my mom, who answered, "Why are you calling me!?" We moved from Ohio in 1985 to Kansas when dad accepted a distinguished professorship at KU.

I don't feel like I knew my dad, really, until we moved to Kansas. He always came home for dinner (in retrospect I think that had as much to do with thriftiness and love of my mom's cooking as it did with having a "family meal")—and almost always returned to the lab later that night. Not one to sit still, he would sometimes come home and vacuum the house at midnight. I remember being embarrassed about that when my friends would sleep over! If he didn't return to lab, he was in his study, typing away. When he retired, he converted the wet bar in our basement in Kansas into a lab area.

He cared deeply about everyone having a fair chance. He didn't care whether you were female or the color of your skin. He took care of the people in his lab as if they were family. We had many Thanksgivings and other holidays with grad students, post docs and visiting professors at our home. I thought that was normal.

Ted has been the recipient of numerous awards for his extensive achievements in developing the fields of spectroelectrochemistry, bioelectroanalytical chemistry, and chemically modified electrodes. Dad loves to quote Ralph Adams, who said, "If you love what you are doing, the rewards will take care of themselves."

He has published over 200 research papers, received three patents, and edited the three-volume set *Physical Methods in Chemical Analysis*. He served as the founding director of the statewide Kansas NSF EPSCoR program (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research), overseeing the funding of nearly $25 million from 1991–1998 to KU, K-State, and Wichita State.

He was also the founding director of the NSF-supported Analytical Science Digital Library (ASDL). This NSF grant was still active when he retired in 2002. KU told him that he could not have a grant without a faculty appointment. He solved the problem by having a part-time appointment, taking a one-month summer salary and spreading it over 12 months. On occasions when he would encounter the Chancellor, he would joke that he was the lowest paid faculty member at KU. He says that the Chancellor was not amused.

True to my promise to dad, I must emphasize that he is so proud of his students! He recalls saying, "You are smarter than I am, so go for it." We started putting together his academic tree (http://academictree.org/chemistry/peopleinfo.php?pid=68694), an idea that Marc Porter suggested to me. If you have additions/edits or can help me fill in the year ranges for people, please email me at ellen.kuwana@gmail.com.

There are two scholarships established in his name:

- Kuwana Graduate Opportunity Fund at KU – supports graduate students in analytical chemistry with preference to those associated with Adams Bioscience Research Institute https://chem.ku.edu/academics/graduate/awards
- UC Riverside Sawyer and Kuwana Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry https://advancementservices.ucr.edu/Scholarship/ScholarshipFundInfo.aspx?fund=200617

Ted and Jane moved to Seattle three years ago. Their son Eric is a successful lawyer in Arlington, VA. Ted and Jane have four granddaughters ages 13-16 (two on each coast). In honor of Ted's 85th birthday, please send greetings and any stories you want to share to 6546 Park Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 or email tedkuwana@gmail.com and janekuwana@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

The NRL team of ***Jeffrey W. Long***, ***Joseph F. Parker***, and ***Debra R. Rolison*** won Dr. Delores M. Etter Award (http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=95338). They cracked a centuries-old problem and transformed the future capabilities and performance of the entire family of Zinc-based alkaline batteries. Their batteries reached Lithium ion-equivalent performance, in a nonflammable aqueous-based battery thereby meeting the goal of a robust, energy dense, and safe battery that relies on nonstrategic, earth-abundant elements.

Hector Abruña, Cornell University, won the Electrochimica Acta Gold Medal.

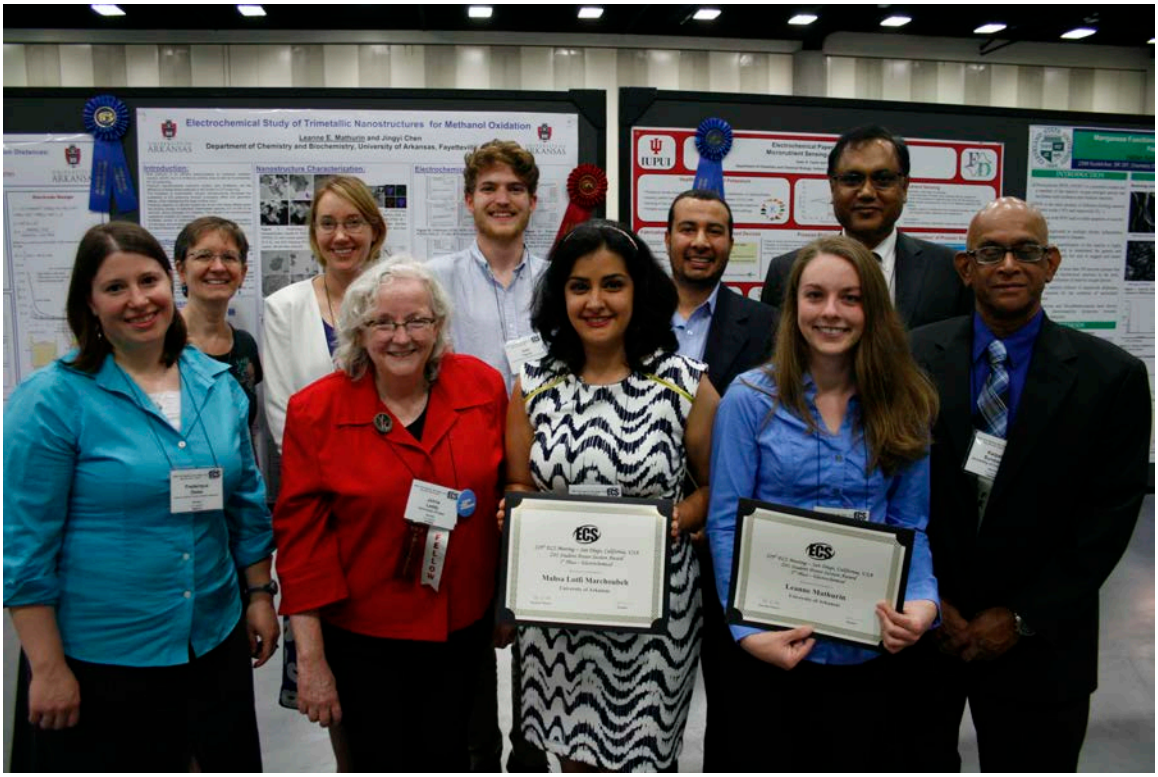
Joaquín Rodríguez-López, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, received 2016-2017 ECS Toyota Young Investigator Fellowship.

Tzu-En Lin, a PhD student from Prof. Hubert Girault's group at the Ècole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in Switzerland, informed that the Laboratory of Physical and Analytical Electrochemistry (LEPA) headed by Prof. ***Hubert H. Girault*** at EPFL developed a strategy for detecting the distribution and content of the melanoma biomarker tyrosinase in human skin sections using soft probes for scanning electrochemical microscopy (SECM). Conventionally, skin cancer and its progression stage can be identified with optical methods where color pigments, such as melanin, can interfere the diagnostic signals. The LEPA researchers however have adapted an immunoassay-based strategy for the unequivocal electrochemical detection of tyrosinase. The results have recently been published in *Angewandte Chemie International Edition* (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2016**, *55*, 3813-3816). Tyrosinase can also be found in banana peel and thus bananas were used a low-cost samples for preliminary studies. The future goal is to develop a skin cancer scanner for the biopsy-free diagnosis of melanoma. More information and contact details can be found on http://lepa.epfl.ch/.

LEPA
Laboratoire d'Electrochimie
Physique & Analytique

George W. Luther, III, University of Delaware, has written a text although it is not an electrochemical text. Perhaps it may be of interest to SEAC members. It is "***Inorganic Chemistry for Geochemistry and Environmental Sciences: Fundamentals and Applications***", published by John Wiley & Sons. A description and detailed information of the book can be found at http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1118851374.html?productCd=1118851374 where Chapter 1, the index and the table of contents can be downloaded for free. Those adopting the text will be able to access powerpoint slides and solutions to the problem sets for each chapter from the companion website (http://www.wiley.com/go/luther/inorganic).

Ingrid Fritsch, University of Arkansas, informed Student News from the 229th ECS Meeting: The General Student Poster Session awards at the 229th ECS meeting had a very Central US and Midwestern flavor this year. The award winners in the Electrochemistry category both hail from Fayetteville, AR – First place went to ***Mahsa Lotfi Marchoubeh*** (Mentor: Ingrid Fritsch) for her poster entitled "Redox Cycling Behavior of Catecholamines and Their Mixtures at Different Diffusion Distances: Steps Toward Quantitative Speciation," while second place was awarded to ***Leanne Mathurin*** (Mentor: Jingyi Chen) for her work on "Electrochemical Study of Platinum-Ruthenium-Copper Trimetallic Nanostructures for Methanol Oxidation." In the Solid-State category, the first place award was presented to ***Isaac Taylor*** of Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (Mentor: Frederique Deiss) for his poster "Electrochemical Paper-Based Platform for Micronutrient Sensing: Potassium Detection." Second place in the Solid-Sate category was awarded to ***Haitham Kalil*** of Cleveland State University (Mentor: Mekki Bayachou) who reported on this work "Manganese Functionalized Graphene as a New Platform for Peroxynitrite Sensing."



MEETINGS TO COME

Meetings of interest to our SEAC members abound during the coming year, with symposia being organized by some among us.

Meeting	***When***	***Where***	***Link for More Information***
PRiME 2016 (ECS)	2016, Oct. 2–7	Honolulu, HI	https://ecs.confex.com/ecs/230/cfp.cgi
MUACC 2016 Midwest Universities Analytical Chemistry Conference	2016, Oct. 13–15	Champaign, IL	http://muacc.scs.illinois.edu
51st ACS Midwest Regional Meeting	2016, Oct. 26–28	Manhattan, KS	http://www.mwrm2016.org/
2017 CEC Annual Workshop on Electrochemistry	2017, Feb. 11–12	Austin, TX	http://cec.cm.utexas.edu/annual-electrochemistry-workshop
Pittcon 2017	2017, March 2–10	Chicago, IL	http://pittcon.org
20th ISE Topical Meeting	2017, March 19–22	Buenos Aires, Argentina	http://www.ise-online.org/annmeet/next_meetings.php
253rd ACS National Meeting	2017, April 2–6	San Francisco, CA	https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/nationalmeetings/meetings.html
21st ISE Topical Meeting	2017, April 23–26	Szeged, Hungary	http://www.ise-online.org/annmeet/next_meetings.php
231st ECS Spring meeting	2017, May 28–June 2	New Orleans, LA	http://www.electrochem.org/meetings/biannual/fut_mtgs.htm
Matrafüred 2017: International Conference on Electrochemical Sensors	2017, June 11-16	Visegrad, Hungary	http://www.matrafured-conference.bme.hu
68th ISE Annual Meeting	2017, Aug. 27–Sept. 1	Providence, RI	http://www.ise-online.org/annmeet/next_meetings.php
254th ACS National Meeting	2017, Aug. 20–24	Washington DC	https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/nationalmeetings/meetings.html
232nd ECS Fall meeting	2017, Oct. 1–6	National Harbor, MD	http://www.electrochem.org/meetings/biannual/fut_mtgs.htm
255th ACS National Meeting	2018, March 18–22	New Orleans, LA	https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/meetings/nationalmeetings/meetings.html
17th International Conference of Electroanalysis - ESEAC2018	2018, June 3-7	Rodos, Greece	http://www.eseac2018.com/
69th ISE Annual Meeting	2018, Sept. 2–7	Bologna, Italy	http://www.ise-online.org/annmeet/next_meetings.php

2017 CEC Annual Workshop on Electrochemistry — Feb. 11-12, 2017

Each year in Austin, Texas, the Workshop on Electrochemistry brings together experts in fields of engineering, materials, and electrochemistry to focus on topics in a few important areas of research. Participants address specific challenges in the field, exchange ideas and information, and catch up with colleagues from around the world. The workshop is hosted by the Center for Electrochemistry, and the date for the ninth annual Workshop has been set for February 11-12, 2017. For the latest details and for registration, please visit http://cec.cm.utexas.edu/electrochemistry-workshop-2017.

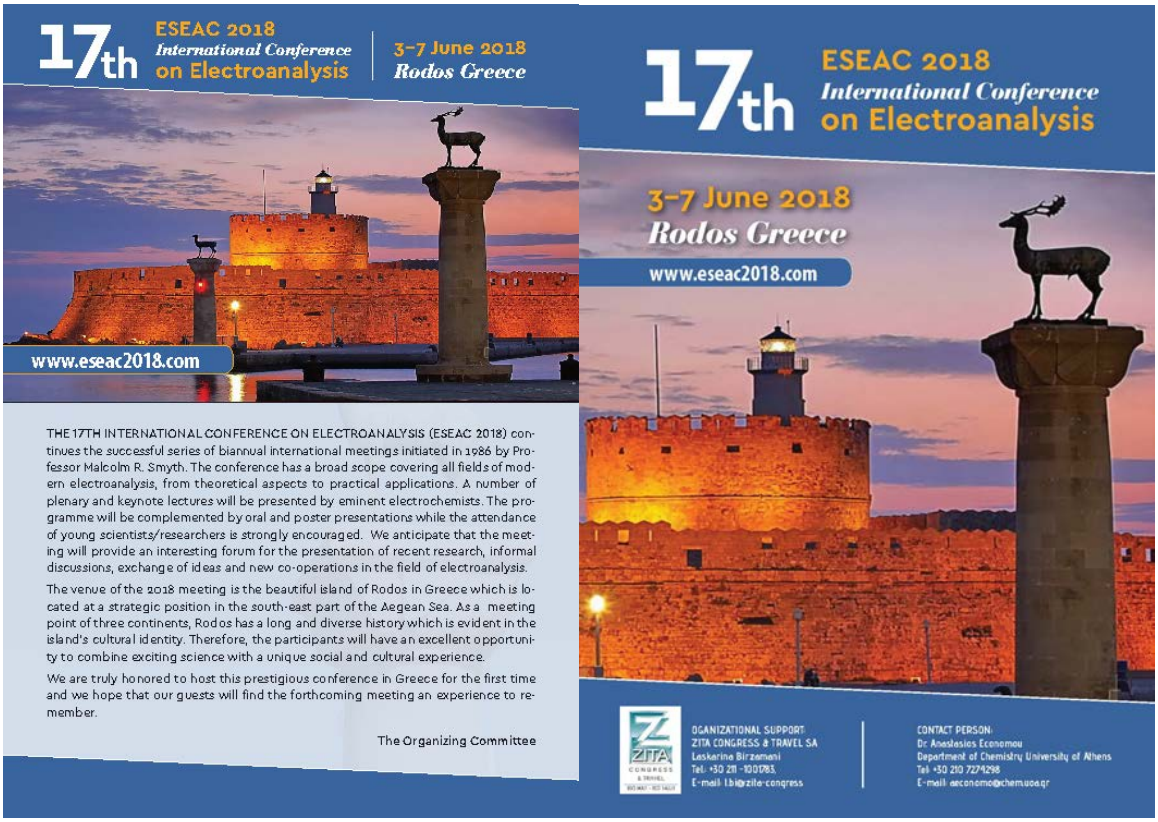
These unique workshops feature scientists and researchers from top universities, national laboratories, and electrochemical industries discussing cutting-edge electrochemical science, and addressing issues with respect to the mechanisms of electron transfer. Each workshop features technical presentations and posters from several different perspectives covering areas ranging from electrocatalysis, electrochemical sensors, and electroanalysis. The workshop will be held at the Robert A. Welch (WEL) building, on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. Confirmed speakers include Martin Bazant (MIT), Shannon Boetcher (U. Oregon), Dan Buttry (Arizona State U.), Lauren Greenlee (U. Arkansas), Robert Hamers (U. Wisconsin), Philippe Hapiot (Université de Rennes), Michael Janik (Penn State U.), Marc Koper (Leiden U.), Joaquín Rodríguez López (U. Illinois), Yang Shao-Horn (MIT), and Michael Mirkin (Queens College).

The workshop location is near to the many recreational and cultural attractions of the Austin Hill Country. The Austin campus is the site of 17 libraries and several world-class museums, and just a short walk or ride away from central Austin attractions: the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, the Texas State Capitol, Congress Avenue, and the 6th Street and Warehouse shopping and entertainment districts. Known as "The Live Music Capital of the World," Austin is a vibrant mix of Texas friendliness and cosmopolitan sophistication, with opportunities for outdoor recreation activities.

17th International Conference of Electroanalysis - ESEAC2018 — June 3-7, 2018

THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ELECTROANALYSIS (ESEAC 2018) continues the successful series of biannual international meetings initiated in 1986 by Professor Malcolm R. Smyth. The conference has a broad scope covering all fields of modern electroanalysis, from theoretical aspects to practical applications. A number of plenary and keynote lectures will be presented by eminent electrochemists. The programme will be complemented by oral and poster presentations while the attendance of young scientists/researchers is strongly encouraged. We anticipate that the meeting will provide an interesting forum for the presentation of recent research, informal discussions, exchange of ideas and new co-operations in the field of electroanalysis.

The venue of the 2018 meeting is the beautiful island of Rodos in Greece which is located at a strategic position in the south-east part of the Aegean Sea. As a meeting point of three continents, Rodos has a long and diverse history which is evident in the island's cultural identity. Therefore, the participants will have an excellent opportunity to combine exciting science with a unique social and cultural experience.



JOB OPENING

Tenure-Track Position Available for Analytical Chemistry Assistant Professor at Creighton University

Creighton University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor beginning fall 2017. A Ph.D. in analytical chemistry or closely-related discipline is required. We seek individuals committed to being outstanding teacher-scholars within a primarily undergraduate institution. The successful applicant is expected to teach quantitative analysis, instrumental analysis, an advanced elective in their specialty, and possibly lower-division chemistry courses, while developing an independent research program involving undergraduates. Applicants must submit application materials online at https://careers.creighton.edu. The complete application must include a (1) letter of intent, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) statement of teaching philosophy, (4) research proposal, and (5) all undergraduate and graduate transcripts. In addition, **three letters of recommendation** should be addressed to: Dr. Erin Gross, Search Committee Chair, Chemistry Department, Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178 or electronically to eringross@creighton.edu. **Review of completed applications will begin October 3, 2016 and continue until the position is filled.**

Consistently ranked as the #1 comprehensive university in the Midwest Region by *U.S. News & World Report*, Creighton University is a Jesuit, Catholic, EO/AA Employer: M/F/Disabled/Vet and seeks a wide range of applicants for this position in support of one of our core values—gender, ethnic and cultural diversity. For further information, visit *http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/chemistry/.*

HOW EASY IT IS TO BECOME A SEAC MEMBER

Any individual with an interest in electroanalytical chemistry is invited to join SEAC. Regular one-year membership dues are $30. Student dues are $10. Dues are payable on January 1 of each year. A lifetime membership option is available for $300, payable either as a lump sum or in three annual, nonrefundable installments of $100.

To become a new member of SEAC, go to http://electroanalytical.org/membership.html, fill out the downloadable membership form, and pay either by check or on-line.

SEAC is now able to also accept donations of long-term appreciated securities (i.e., stocks, bonds or mutual funds), an approach that might be a tax-favorable form of a gift for the donor. Please contact the treasurer Petr Vanysek either by e-mail at pvanysek@gmail.com or by mail to Petr Vanysek, Treasurer, Society for Electroanalytical Chemistry, PO Box 173, DeKalb, IL 60115-0173 to discuss any details.