



RACI Electrochemistry Division

Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the EDRACI Newsletter. It has been a little slower hitting the streets than anticipated but at last it's up and running. The aim of the newsletter is to keep Australian electrochemists in touch with what's going on, since we only get together every 2-4 years. The intention is to produce a short newsletter several times each year.

This first edition is being mailed to you because you have listed Electrochemistry as one of your Divisional Interests. However, **if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, you need to place your name on the mailing list** by faxing your postal address or emailing your email address to me (my contact details are PTO). Please include a statement that you wish to continue to receive the EDRACI newsletter. If any of your colleagues do not receive this first edition and would like to, please let me know their details also.

I intend to use email as the primary mode of distribution of the newsletter to minimise costs in time and administration but, if this is not possible, I will be happy to post it to you.

The sorts of things I would like to see in the newsletter include:

- notice of forthcoming conferences, seminars and visiting speakers,
- brief information about your research,
- news of job opportunities of interest to graduating electrochemists,
- electrochemistry book reviews,
- electrochemistry education topics,
- opportunities for collaboration (esp. with industry),
- availability of specialist equipment,
- new areas of electrochemistry research,
- new types of or suppliers of electrochemical instrumentation, etc.

In short, anything to help the electrochemistry community function more effectively for the benefit of all of us.

Of course, the newsletter will provide an easy way for all Australasian electrochemists to disseminate information to their colleagues, so please use the newsletter in this way.

I will approach some of you for contributions in the near future but please don't wait to be asked – I would be delighted to receive any short articles or pieces of information for future issues.

Read on...

10th Australasian Electrochemistry Conference

Following the success of 9AEC in Wollongong in 1994, 10AEC is planned for the Ramada Hotel in Surfers Paradise from February 4-7, 1997. AECs are the major get-togethers of the Australasian electrochemical community; they are of international repute so we are joined by many visitors from overseas. They usually occur about every 4 years, and are characterised by high-calibre science and convivial social events.

10AEC promises to continue the tradition of electrochemical excellence set by previous AECs. The theme is "Electrochemistry at the Edge". Many eminent Australian and international electrochemists have accepted invitations to speak. Sessions are planned on the topics of Industrial Electrochemistry, Biological Electrochemistry, Corrosion, Redox-Active Coordination Compounds, Mineral Electrochemistry, and Education in Electrochemistry, with a General Electrochemistry session (to cater for misfits).

Full registration costs are \$480 (\$200 for students); registration for RACI members is \$350 (\$150 for students). Registration closes on October 31 (after which there is a \$50 late fee).

A special accommodation rate has been negotiated with the hotel: \$140 per night for a single room,

\$75 per person for twin share, or \$70 per person for triple share.

For more details, visit the web site at http://www.sct.gu.edu.au/sct_page/conferences/10AEC/, see p.318 in the July *Chem.Aust.*, or contact Greg Hope (G.Hope@sct.gu.edu.au) or David Druskovich (D.Druskovich@cqu.edu.au).

Electrochemistry Education Group (EEG) - email list

At the 10th National Convention of the RACI in Adelaide last October, an inaugural forum on Electrochemistry Education was organised by Carol Davis and Bruce Verity. It initiated two actions:

(i) collation of information about resources used in electrochemistry education in Australasian universities, and

(ii) creation of an email list of people interested in an electrochemistry education interest group (EEG).

The forum agreed to reconvene at 10AEC and Carol is well down the track in organising this. The aims of the group will be determined by the membership and we intend to spend some time at 10AEC thrashing this out!

If you wish to be part of the EEG, please send your email address to bruce.verity@unisa.edu.au ASAP so that we can get the ball rolling before 10AEC.

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In the Next Issue (December, 1996)...

- Recipients of the Breyer and Stokes medals (to be presented at 10AEC)
- Update on 10AEC

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