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Editorial

This is the September edition of the newsletter, just a little late. In this issue you will find several requests for members of the Division to suggest ideas for or offer to organise workshops/conferences etc. in the next few years. Please be proactive and contact your state committee representative or me with your ideas.

A reminder that it is becoming increasingly important to the viability of the Division that the RACI has your Divisional preferences correctly recorded. Please make sure that you change your Divisional preferences when you renew your membership each year to reflect your interests. Only 30% of our members have listed Electrochemistry as their first preference.

If the Electrochemistry Division is your main interest in the RACI, please change your Divisional preferences to reflect this.

Electrochemistry Discussion List

Some time ago, the Electrochemistry Education Interest Group proposed to begin an email discussion list for issues relating to education in electrochemistry. With the agreement of the Division committee, it has been decided to broaden the focus of this list to include all aspects of electrochemistry. The list will thus be a vehicle for anyone to disseminate information relating to seminars, conferences, or workshops, research or employment opportunities, education issues, and problems or questions relating to electrochemistry to all of the list participants (which I anticipate will cover the Australasia/Pacific region).

Thanks to the IT people at Uni of SA, the list is now ready for you to subscribe to. To subscribe, send the message:

"SUBSCRIBE ELECTROCHEM-L"

with an empty subject line to

"MAILSERV@LISTS.UNISA.EDU.AU"

Remember to turn your signature file off. You'll receive a welcome message telling you how to send messages to the list and how to unsubscribe. Then, all you have to do is use it!!

EDRACI Committee Meeting

The Committee met in Wollongong on September 8. Apart from routine business, the matters of interest were:

- * 10AEC made a small profit. Congratulations to Greg Hope, David Druskovich and helpers.

- * There are several large international conferences scheduled for 2000-2001:

11NC	6-11/2/2000	Canberra
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Pacificchem	14-19/12/2000	Honolulu
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IUPAC1-6/7/2001	Brisbane
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The Committee discussed options for 11AEC to fit in with this schedule.

- * The Division will sponsor one workshop each year (see the call for the 1998 workshop below).

- * The Division will encourage and support WA electrochemists to organise a local workshop in recognition of the difficulty they experience in participating in workshops.

- * A problem-solving workshop involving industrial and other members of the Division was thought to be a good idea; more details need to be discussed before finalising it.

- * The Division will support the collation of information on electrochemistry content, resources,

experiments, etc. used in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching...Carol Davis and Bruce Verity are working on this.

* A postgraduate electrochemistry school will be run every 2-3 years. In addition, the Division will support a postgraduate research conference (organised by students) the day before each Division conference.

* In an effort to contact Asian Electrochemistry or Chemical Societies, any contacts for these societies will be put on the newsletter distribution list.

* A medal will be struck for future Bloom-Gutman prize winners.

Any input from any recipient of this newsletter on these issues is welcome.

Workshop in July 1998

As noted above, the Division will sponsor an electrochemistry workshop in July 1998. **The EDRACI Committee is calling for expressions of interest from people or groups interested in organising this workshop.** The organisers are free to select the topic. Please forward expressions of interest to the Secretary (Bruce Verity) by the end of December.

Asian Electrochemical Societies

Whilst this newsletter is already distributed in New Zealand and the UK, it has only limited distribution in Asia. If anyone has any colleagues in the Asia region who may be interested in receiving the newsletter, please advise them about it and encourage them to join the mailing list.

10AEC Proceedings

David Druskovich is busily collating the Proceedings of 10AEC and they should be available soon. Watch this space!

Websites

ChemStarter

ChemStarter provides chemistry links that you may find useful. It covers over 750 links to companies, over 480 addresses of online journals, over 90 free accessible databases including Beilstein Netfire and Medline, free patent search, software reviews and much more. The URL is http://www.chemie.de/~claessen/home_en.htm

It is part of the German Chemie.DE (<http://www.chemie.de>) information site offering organized data in the fields of chemistry, biochemistry and related sciences. It includes a set of chemistry tutorials (<http://www.chemie.de/~knecht/englisch/tutorials.phtml>) and a worldwide database of international events in chemistry, to which you can add events yourself (<http://www.chemie.de/conferences/>).

ChemWeb Conference Database

The ChemWeb conference database can also be accessed from the web. The database contains details of hundreds of chemistry-related meetings worldwide, including dates, venues, contacts and registration details. Links to conference sites are also included. Registration (free) is required to access ChemWeb. The URL is <http://chemweb.com/conference/conference.exe>

Forthcoming Conferences

(from Paul Duckworth, ADInstruments)

14th International Symposium on Bioelectrochemistry and Bioenergetics

May 23-29, 1998, at Vingstedcentret, Denmark

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<http://www.health.aau.dk/conf/bes98.htm>

7th European Conference on Electroanalysis (ESEAC 98)
May 24-28, 1998 at Coimbra, Portugal
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