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Foreword

This Special Issue of the Journal of Applied Electrochemistry is based on a selection of papers presented at the E.R.A. 2003 Conference on "Electrochemistry for Environmental Recovery", held in Rome at the Faculty of Engineering, the University of Rome, on 29/30 September 2003. The Conference, which has been held annually since 2001, is aimed at providing opportunity to stimulate cooperation among scientists, experts and engineers whose research focuses on areas related to the application of electrochemical processes to solve environmental problems. Topics covered by the Conference were: transformation of pollutants and recovery of materials, membrane and electro-membrane processes, electro-synthesis with low environmental impact, environmental monitoring and fuel cells. Environmental protection and alternative energy resources have both become major issues world-wide. The nine papers in this volume focus on new processes based on elctrochemical technologies for industrial pollution control, and on fuel cells and emphasize that new developments for sustainable energy production and environmental benign technologies have become a crucial research area in electrochemistry.

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