

Editorial

At the present time, in an effort to ease the problems arising from the steadily, indeed rapidly, increasing cost of oil, there is more work in progress on electrochemical power sources, particularly storage systems, than at any other time in history. Improvements are being sought in existing systems, other older ones which had been abandoned are being reinvestigated and research work is being carried out to develop new systems, and new materials which will improve existing systems and make new ones possible.

The largest effort in the whole of this area is undoubtedly that now taking place in the U.S.A. and we believe that information on what is being attempted and what has been achieved will be of interest to readers of this Journal. In this issue we have therefore included abridged versions of the project status summaries to mid 1979 of the projects financed mainly by the Department of Energy, U.S.A.

We are grateful to the DOE for supplying us with a copy of the summaries and for granting us permission to publish them.

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