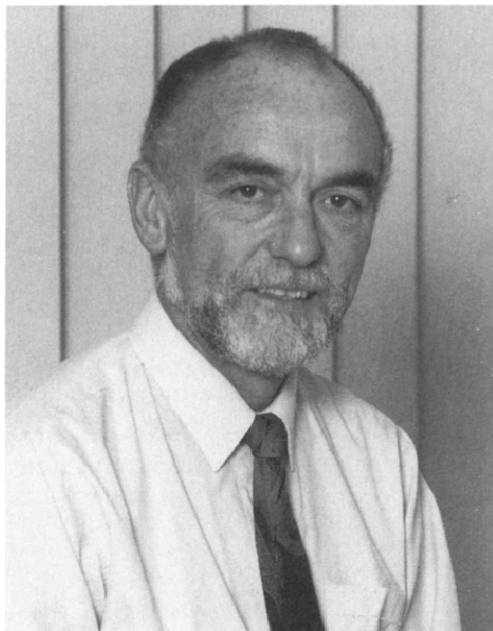


David A. J. Rand – 1991 Faraday medallist



Dr David Rand, the Asia–Pacific Regional Editor of the *Journal of Power Sources*, has been awarded the 1991 Faraday Medal. This medal is presented by the Electrochemistry Group of the Royal Society of Chemistry. The award is made every two years to a distinguished electrochemist working abroad. Dr Rand follows in the footsteps of other major contributors in the field of electrochemistry such as Levich, Gerischer and Bockris.

Over the past twenty-five years, David has made many significant contributions in different areas of electrochemistry including fuel cells, electrocatalysis, sulphide mineral processing and, more recently, battery systems. In particular, his successful development of methods that allow the systematic

study of the physicochemical properties of lead/acid battery constituents, and their influence on battery performance, has led to important advances in this battery technology

Quite apart from his scientific findings that have had such influence, David has, over the years, been a persuasive advocate of the role of alternative power sources in society. In many respects, he has been an inspiration to us all, never fearing to be controversial when the need arose. Furthermore, his energetic participation in, and the leadership of, scientific meetings has been greatly appreciated by the electrochemical community.

As a research editor of a scientific journal, a task many of us would regard as thankless, David has applied himself with the energy that those of us who know him well would have expected. His efforts in this regard have greatly assisted in enhancing further the reputation of the *Journal of Power Sources*, not to mention the assistance he has provided to contributors to the journal.

All David's colleagues in the field of electrochemistry who have appreciated his scientific activities, his dynamic leadership and championing of alternative power sources, and last, but not least, have enjoyed his humorous and stimulating company will join me in congratulating him on the award of the 1991 Faraday Medal.

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