



## Preface and Introduction

The 7IMLB was held in Boston, 15–20 May 1994 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. This seventh in the series of lithium focused international battery conferences drew a large number of papers and poster presentations. The conference started with a welcome reception held at the Museum of Science on Sunday evening. The technical sessions ran for a week as did a complete Companion Program which covered sightseeing, shopping and dining.

The Technical Session was kicked off with a session on rechargeable insertion anodes followed by a session on electrolytes and interfacial phenomena. The second day was devoted to polymer and solid-state electrolytes and batteries together with poly-thin technology. Cathode technology was covered on the third and fourth days as was quality and engineering procedures. The final day described practical rechargeable cells and electric vehicle batteries and included a panel discussion on market issues regarding battery technology.

Throughout the week, a parallel Companion Program was run.

This was the first time this meeting was held in the United States and, as such, attracted a record number of attendees from all over the world numbering four hundred and thirty, twice that of the previous meeting. In all, the meeting was a huge success in terms of technical content as well as in terms of enjoyment of the local hospitality – thanks to the members of both the Scientific Committee and the Local Organizing Committee. The Scientific Committee chose Negoya, Japan to be the venue for the next meeting and Professor Yamamoto, of Mie University, to be the host. The date is 17–21 June 1996.

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