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Editorial

The city of Ulm in Baden-Wurtemberg is home to a strong group of research and development organizations dedicated to studying various aspects of electrochemistry and materials science, with particular reference to the emerging needs of the automobile industry.

Since 1993 the University of Ulm, the Center for Solar Energy and Hydrogen Research (ZSW) and the Daimler-Chrysler Research Center have collaborated to organize meetings to stimulate expert discussion of the results of research in electrochemistry. The series of meetings bears the title Ulmer Elektrochemische Tage, UECT (Ulm Elec-

trochemical Days) and the first five such meetings drew delegates primarily from within Germany. The 6th UECT, held in June of 1998, saw the series become truly international. The decision was taken to hold the meetings at 2-year intervals and to adopt English as the official conference language.

This special issue of the Journal of Power sources contains the proceedings of the 7th UECT meeting, which was held in June of 2000. Once again the papers demonstrate a strong theme of research into the principal methods of electrochemical energy storage suitable for use on board vehicles.