

## Preface

The 13th International Meeting on Lithium Batteries (IMLB-2006) was held in Biarritz, France, from 18 to 23 June 2006. The Meeting was organized by CNRS, and supported and sponsored by 11 organizations.

The conference started with a welcome reception held at the Biarritz Congress Center (Casino) on Sunday evening. The technical sessions ran for 5 days from Monday morning in the same place. The meeting organization was slightly modified versus the previous ones: the various topics were introduced by nine plenary lectures followed by oral presentations and three poster sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon. To promote discussions, the posters remained on display all along the meeting. The oral presentations were selected from the abstracts received on the basis of their pertinence and originality. They were classified into six broad categories: negative electrode (14 papers), positive electrode (28 papers), electrolyte (8 papers), coating and interfaces (8 papers) as well as battery and new systems (10 papers). A total of 453 papers were presented in three oral sessions. Six hundred researchers and engineers from various industries, universities and academic institutions related to lithium batteries who represented 30 countries attended IMLB-2006. Among them, we can note 227 participants from Asia, 90 from America, 80 from France and 168 from other European countries.

Some social events were scheduled: Welcome Reception on Sunday evening, Excursion to three Basque Typical Places, Con-

ference Banquet at the Bellevue Palace on Wednesday evening, and several accompanying person's programs all along the week.

On behalf of the organizing Committee, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the co-chairmen (Prof. Jean-Marie Tarascon, Prof. Zempachi Ogumi, and Prof. Ji Qiang Wang), to all members of the Scientific and Organizing Committees, the authors, the session chairpersons as well as the enthusiastic audience who contributed a great deal to the success of the Meeting. Finally, the cooperation of the assistant editors, many reviewers, and my colleagues Prof. Christian Masquelier and Dr Mathieu Morcrette for the reviewing process of this proceedings volume is gratefully acknowledged.

IMLB-14 will be held in Tianjin in China during 22–28 June 2008, under the chairmanship of Prof. Ji Qiang Wang (Tianjin Institute of Power Sources) to whom I wish all success.

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