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Preface

The 14th International Meeting on Lithium Batteries (IMLB-2008) was held in the *Convention Center of TEDA Renaissance Hotel*, Tianjin, China, from 22 June to 28 2008. The Meeting was organized by the Tianjin Institute of Power Sources (TIPS) and the China Industrial Association of Power Sources, and sponsored by the Tianjin Local Government as well as 37 other organizations. More than 1000 participants from more than 30 countries and regions gathered at IMLB-2008, representing various industries, universities and academic institutions related to lithium batteries. Among them were 335 participants from Asia (except Mainland China) and Australia, 132 from Europe, 128 from America and 410 from Mainland China.

The registration and welcome reception were held on 22 June. The technical sessions ran for 5 days starting on Monday morning (23). There were 82 oral presentations specifically invited by International Scientific Committee based on their pertinence and originality. They were classified into eight categories: Cathode Materials (20), Nano Materials for Lithium Batteries (10), Anode Materials (10), Fundamental Studies (9), New Electrolytes & New Battery Systems (9), Safety Related Issues (9), Lithium-ion Batteries for HEV, PHEV and EV (8), and General (7). In addition, another 539 papers were presented in three poster sessions, which were held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The posters remained on display throughout the meeting. Twelve of the posters were chosen by a special Award Committee for their excellence. The certificates and rewards were presented to the authors.

In addition to the welcome reception on Sunday evening, tours to Qingyuan EV Company and Tianjin Lishen Battery Joint-Stock Co. Ltd. were scheduled. During the Meeting, in addition to the technical sessions, sightseeing was arranged including an excursion to

the Great Wall and Beijing, as well as a shopping tour to the Street of Tianjin Traditional Culture. On Wednesday evening the Banquet was held at "TJW 1928", which resembled the restaurant style of Tianjin at the early 20th century. In addition, several accompanying persons' programs were available during the week.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I express my sincere gratitude to the co-chairmen: Prof. Zhou Chunlin, Prof. Chen Liquan, Prof. C. Delmas, and Dr. Karim Zaghib; the honorable member of IMLB14 and chairman of IMLB12, Prof. Zempachi Ogumi; the chairmen of Award Committee, Prof. R.A. Huggins, Dr. Hironosuke Ikeda and Prof. Bi Daozhi; general secretaries for the meeting, Drs. Xingjiang Liu, Xiaoqing Yang, Zhengming Zhang and Mr. Liu Yanlong as well as all the members of the Scientific, Advisory & Award and Organizing Committees. I also express appreciation to the authors, the session chairpersons, the enthusiastic audiences as well as all my colleagues who worked to support the Meeting, all of whom made great contributions to the success of the Meeting. Finally, I give special thanks to the editors and reviewers for these conference proceedings.

IMLB-15 will be held in Montreal, Canada from 27 June to 2 July, under the chairmanship of Dr. Karim Zaghib (Institut de Recherche d'Hydro-Québec) to whom I wish all success.

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