

The *Journal of Solid State Electrochemistry* introduces a new submission and editorial system

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Since the start of the *Journal of Solid State Electrochemistry* in July 1997, the journal has been managed by the *Editor-in-Chief* in close cooperation with the *Regional Editors*, i.e. with A. M. Bond (Australia), G. Inzelt (Hungary), K. Itaya (Japan), and D. E. Tallman (USA). The regional editors have done a great service to the journal and helped tremendously to develop and shape the journal. For this we all are very much indebted to these colleagues! However, with the rapid development of an almost instantaneous information exchange via e-mail and the web, a region-based organisation of the editorship became obsolete, and we have decided to install *Topical Editors* who will process the manuscripts according to the topic to which they belong. I am very happy that the following experts accepted the invitation to become topical editors: Doron Aurbach (Israel) for batteries, supercapacitors, fuel cells; Vladislav V. Kharton (Portugal) for solid ion conductors, theory of solid state electrochemical reactions; Su-II Pyun (Korea) for metal deposition and corrosion; Ivo Hümmelgen (Brazil) for photoelectrochemistry and semiconductors; György Inzelt (Hungary) for polymer modified electrodes and polyelectrolytes; and Daniel Mandler (Israel) for analytical applications of solid state electrochemical devices.

Along with this reorganisation of the editorship, the journal will introduce, starting on 1st of October 2007, an online system for manuscript submission and editorial processing. All people involved (authors, editors, referees and the editorial manager) will have access to the same

online system. The advantages of this modern tool, called the Editorial Manager (EM), are evident. Logging into the EM for authors is easy. You have to connect online to "<http://www.springer.com>" and search for the *Journal of Solid State Electrochemistry*. Then you click on the item "Submit Online" where after you have to register to the Editorial Manager system. The system will guide you through the submission process. All manuscripts will be received first by the *Editor-in-Chief* who will continue to process the manuscripts. However, a certain number of manuscripts will be distributed among the *Topical Editors* who will process those manuscripts completely independent from the *Editor-in-Chief*. This new way of job sharing is necessary because the number of submissions increased enormously.

Referees will be invited to review a paper of which they can read the Abstract. If they decide to accept the invitation, this allows them to view the complete manuscript. Once the review is finished, a click on "Submission of Comments" suffices to obtain a page divided into three parts. The first has the various suggestions from "accept without change" to "reject". The second is a space for a message for the editor and the third is a space for comments for the authors.

Together with the introduction of the new submission system, the journal starts to publish colour figures free of charge! We are confident that the *Journal of Solid State Electrochemistry* and the colour figures will attract more authors and that the service we have delivered in the past will improve even more.

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