

Foreword

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GEI-ERA 2007 was the first Joint Meeting between the two most important Italian associations for chemical sciences and technologies, namely the Italian Chemical Society (SCI) and the Italian Association of Chemical Engineering (AIDIC). GEI-ERA 2007 was organized by the SCI Division of Electrochemistry and the AIDIC Working Party on Green Electrochemistry, which together embrace the majority of the Italian “electrochemical scientific population”.

The Meeting themes were centred on the highly interdisciplinary fields of Energy, Environment, Sensors and Materials, with the aim of encouraging contacts between the Italian experts involved, irrespective of their electrochemical or non-electrochemical background.

GEI-ERA 2007 was hosted by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Cagliari, in the fully renovated Auditorium with its adjoining lecture rooms. The diverse programme, subdivided into eight Scientific Sessions, one Award Session, two Prize Sessions and a Round Table,

included almost a hundred communications (plenary and invited lectures, oral and poster presentations), some of which are collected in the present issue of Journal of Applied Electrochemistry.

As Past President of the SCI Division of Electrochemistry (actually, as President at the time of the Meeting, July 2007) and President of the AIDIC Working Party on Green Electrochemistry I am profoundly indebted to Professor Anna Maria Polcaro, President of the Organizing Committee and to all her marvellous people for their successful activity. I wish to Dr. Marco Panizza and his Organizing Committee of GEI-ERA 2008 (Genoa, June 2008) the same excellent outcome!

I am also deeply indebted to the Guest Editor, Professor Bruno Scrosati, and to the Editor-in-Chief, Professor Tony Wragg, for their willingness and enthusiasm in preparing and publishing this Special Issue in which electrochemical and non-electrochemical aspects are blended to reflect the absence of discontinuities at the frontiers of science.

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