

Canada Section

A symposium on Electrochemistry and Materials was held at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario on October 27, 2012, under the auspices of the ECS Canadian Section. The symposium attracted scientists from France and across Canada to present various applications of electrochemistry and nanomaterials. The plenary lecture was given by Frederic Kanoufi of ESPCI-ParisTech, France on "Surface Reactivity from Electrochemical Lithography for a Perfluorinated SAM." The poster session award winners were Jennie Eastcott, University of Ontario Institute of Technology (first place); Daniel Vaccarello, University of Western Ontario (second place); and Sara Ali Abbas, Laurentian University (third place). The event was organized by M'hamed Chahma of Laurentian University.

Chile Section

The ECS Chile Section co-sponsored the IV Chilean Symposium of Electrochemistry, which was organized by the Electrochemistry Division of the Chilean Chemical Society. The event is held every two years in a resort near Santiago de Chile. The most recent meeting took place on November 28-30, 2012 in Olmué and included speakers Angel Cuesta from Spain, Romeu Rocha-Filho from Brazil, and Victor Constantin from Portugal. More than 100 participants contributed papers from Chile, Spain, UK, Mexico, and Brazil. The event was organized by scientists from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago. Maria Angélica del Valle served as President and Rodrigo del Rio as Chair.

Daniel Scherson, ECS Third Vice-President, the Frank Hovorka Professor of Chemistry at Case Western Reserve

University, and Director of the Ernest B. Yeager Center for Electrochemical Sciences at Case visited the Chile Section and provided a lecture on December 12, 2012 at the Faculty of Chemistry and Biology Auditorium, at the University of Santiago. The presentation was entitled, "Toward a Rational Design of Electrocatalytic Interfaces." Dr Scherson also discussed the benefits of joining ECS and promoting ECS related activities in Chile, including the formation of Student Chapters.

An ECS Chile Section sponsored summer course in electrochemistry was conducted by the Faculty of Chemistry and Biology at the University of Santiago and included about 30 students from different universities from the Metropolitan Area of Santiago. The course was taught by several faculty members of the University of Santiago and was organized by Ricardo Salazar. The course included lectures each morning and hands-on lab experiments each afternoon during the week of January 7-11, 2013.

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Daniel Scherson, ECS Third Vice-President (front, center), with Chile Section members and students.

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Attendees participated in the lab activities of the ECS Chile Section's summer course in electrochemistry at several laboratories of the University of Santiago. Course faculty members included Maritza Paez, Jorge Pavez, José Zagal, Soledad Ureta-Zañartu, Ricardo Salazar, and Maria Jesus Aguirre.