



With Thanks and Appreciation

On July 1, Dennis Evans completed five years as an Associate Editor (AE) of ECS journals. Initially, Dennis served both the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* and *Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters* (ESL). For the last eighteen months, he exclusively served ESL, where he handled manuscripts primarily in organic, analytical and physical electrochemistry, and fuel cells. Authors and reviewers alike are aware that Dennis performed his AE duties with great technical competence, efficiency, and fairness. His efforts consistently had the best interests of authors and reviewers at heart. Dennis set high standards for authors, reviewers, and himself, and ensured that those standards were met. We will miss his hard work for and valuable input into the operation of ESL. However, we offer him our thanks and best wishes as he now commits additional time to “more normal” academic endeavors. On behalf of ESL and the Society, I extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dennis Evans for his dedicated and outstanding AE service.

We are fortunate to have identified an individual who has accepted the responsibility of handling ESL manuscripts in the areas of electrochemistry, spectroscopy, and fuel cells: Dr. Andrew Gewirth, professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Andy enjoys a distinguished career at Illinois where his research group focuses on the structure and reactivity of surfaces and interfaces. We are most grateful for Andy's willingness to serve ESL and the Society in this capacity. He joins Doron Aurbach (batteries, fuel cells) and Jennifer Bardwell (corrosion, dielectrics, nanotechnology) as AEs for ESL.

ESL submissions and published manuscripts continue to increase in number, and we have been pleased with the quality and timeliness of these papers. The number of articles posted online through the October issue is more than 15% above the number from the same time frame in 2004 and more than 80% above that from 2003. If the current submission rate holds for the month of September 2005, we will have already exceeded the total submissions for the calendar year 2004. We offer our thanks and appreciation to the proficient authors and diligent reviewers for their efforts. We also solicit comments and suggestions from readers, authors, and reviewers for ways to improve the value of ESL for your interests and needs.

Dennis W. Hess
Editor

