



The Role of Serial Publications

Serial publications have played an important role in the operation and service of The Electrochemical Society. The original purpose of the Society's serial publication was to provide an archival record of the content presented at the biannual meetings. Two volumes were published each year, each volume a record of the *transactions*, or *talks*, presented at a meeting. In this way, the serial publication, *Transactions of the Electrochemical Society*, was an exact replica of the electrochemical, electrical, and related chemical interests of the Society's members.

In the mid-twentieth century, the expansion in science and engineering created a need to disseminate results beyond the oral presentations at the biannual meetings. In 1948, *Transactions* was expanded into the *Journal of The Electrochemical Society* (JES) so that technical studies outside of those presented at the biannual meetings could be published. The technical content of JES still tracked the scientific and engineering interests of the Society's members and the content at the biannual meetings. Over time, the electrical interests of the members expanded into the solid-state science and technology side of the Society. The serial publication changed to support the growth in Society activities beyond the traditional electrical and electrochemical focus. The table of contents of JES was divided into "Electrochemical" and "Solid-State" areas so as to make the content easier to find and reflect the importance of each area.

Today, the content in JES covers many electrochemical, solid-state, and related chemical areas. The table of contents of JES is divided into sections that parallel the activities in the Groups and Divisions within the Society. This issue of JES begins the 105th year of publication and the table of contents has again been modified to reflect the changing needs and interests of the Society members. Two new sections of JES have been added to better support the Society's activities and encourage participation in archival publications by members and others, including attendees at the biannual meetings.

The new sections, *Fuel Cells and Energy Conversion* and *Nanostructures, Carbon Nanotubes, and Fullerenes*, specifically address our interests and enthusiasm in these fields. Although papers in these fields have been appearing in JES, the creation of these new sections better reflects their importance and presence in the Society's future. We very much encourage authors in these areas to consider submission of their top works to JES. The Society regularly hosts excellent symposia in these fields and we look forward to publishing many of the papers coming from these oral presentations. We also hope to engage the services of the authors (and other experts) as technical reviewers in the peer-review process for JES. The process can only work when authors donate back their time as reviewers, just as others have done for them. With your help, suggestions, and support, we hope that 2007 will be another record year for submissions and publications in JES, just as 2006 was.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Kohl". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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