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The Electrochemical Society

ECS Journals Take Their First Steps Toward Open Access

The Electrochemical Society (ECS) is very pleased to announce the launch of Author Choice Open Access across its four peer-reviewed journals: *Journal of The Electrochemical Society*, *ECS Journal of Solid State Science and Technology*, *ECS Electrochemistry Letters*, and *ECS Solid State Letters*. As of today, authors who submit papers to one of these publications will be given the choice of making it Open Access (OA) if they wish.

Giving authors the choice of making their articles available as OA is the first step for ECS toward enabling Open Access throughout their four journals. ECS's long-term goal is to move away from the subscriptions model entirely, to full Open Access. This is a move toward disseminating the results of important scientific work more widely, and thereby making the outputs of research accessible to anyone with an Internet connection.

Mary Yess, Deputy Executive Director and Publisher of ECS, said: "We are very excited about this progress. Our mission is to advance theory and practice at the cutting edge of electrochemistry and solid-state science and technology—and a key part of our work is to disseminate knowledge and research in these areas as widely as we can. Author Choice Open Access is the first step of an exciting project to make this important science available to everyone. The research that ECS publishes has a direct impact on the sustainability issues facing our planet – energy supply, access to clean water, and good sanitation. The more widely this research can be accessed, the greater the likelihood of developments emerging that can make a difference in our world."

About ECS and Open Access

ECS publications contain high impact research that becomes more and more relevant every day—a recent evaluation of ECS technical activities suggests that close to 65% of the published work involves the sustainability of our planet.

Enabling Open Access (OA) to this research is imperative to ECS in its mission to disseminate the best research in their technical fields as widely as possible.

If an author wishes to publish an article as Open Access, the ECS Article Processing Charge is USD \$800 per accepted article (through 2014); or an Article Credit may be used in place of payment.

Subscribing institutions are given, as part of their subscriptions package for 2014, unlimited Article Credits. ECS members will receive one Article Credit per member for use in 2014.

ECS journals, quality standards, review and editorial processes will otherwise continue exactly as they are now.

"We are excited to see a major professional society make such a bold move toward open access," said Heather Joseph, Executive Director of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC). "The Electrochemical Society's plans will benefit the research community, universities, libraries, and the general public by making critical scientific findings more widely and rapidly available. The strategy ECS is pursuing is a critical development in the ongoing move toward open access within scholarly publishing. It demonstrates that professional societies can move boldly and decisively to increase the availability of important research."

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