

## EDITORIAL

### SED 07: National Conference “Sofia Electrochemical Days”

The current issue of Bulgarian Chemical Communications comprises papers presented as lectures and posters in the scientific session of “Sofia Electrochemical Days” 2007. To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Institute of Electrochemistry and Energy Systems at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, in collaboration with the University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, organized SED 07 as a national electrochemical forum for both experienced and young scientists. “Sofia Electrochemical Days” presented the work of more than 130 scientists from institutes of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, universities, and firms with 8 keynote lectures and more than 45 posters comprising a wide range of electrochemical fields: hydrogen energy, fuel cells, batteries, galvanic elements, bioelectrochemistry, industrial electrolytic processes, electrochemical methods and instrumentation, corrosion and protection.

Taking place soon after Bulgaria’s acceptance into the European Union, SED 07 emphasized the vital role of Bulgarian scientists both as researchers and as scientific policy makers. The “Eurointegration and the Bulgarian Electrochemistry” round table produced a fruitful discussion about the changes in our scientific climate, the adaptation and the new priorities. The vital role of the Bulgarian Electrochemical Society (BES) was emphasized and BES’ forthcoming activities were discussed.

We would like to thank the SED 07 participants for their contribution to the conference’s success as well as for the warm and collegial atmosphere they created. The friendly and fruitful discussions throughout the event encourage us to propose the organization of the next National Conference “Sofia Electrochemical Days” in 2009.

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