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Foreword

The 17th Topical Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry was held in the Palais du Grand Large in Saint Malo, France from 31 May to 3 June 2015. The theme of the meeting was “*Multiscale Analysis of Electrochemical Systems*”, and involved ISE Division 4 (Electrochemical Materials Science) and ISE Division 7 (Physical Electrochemistry). About 180 scientists from 35 countries participated in the meeting.

The meeting was the occasion to present recent advances and applications of local electrochemical techniques and techniques for surface characterization in various fields such as materials for energy, energy conversion and storage, electrochemistry in biological systems, electrochemical sensors and biosensors, nanostructured materials, corrosion and protection. An important part of the meeting was dedicated to simulation and modelling (computational physical chemistry). Including two parallel sessions, the presentations were scheduled in plenary lectures (2), invited oral communications (20) and contributed oral communications (73) which allowed both experienced and young scientists to present their work. In the two poster sessions, 70 presentations gave the opportunity to have complementary fruitful discussions in an atmosphere of friendship through the discovery of the hosting country (crepe and oyster tastings). Exhibitors of electrochemical equipment were also present to demonstrate their products. During the Banquet, held in the Palais du Grand Large, a special cake was offered by the Company Orgalys to celebrate their 5th anniversary.

Participants had time during the day and the evening to take advantage of the charm of Saint Malo with its exceptional setting, the forts and ramparts. A private visit of Mont Saint Michel Abbey was organized at the end of the Meeting.

The papers published in this Special Volume of *Electrochimica Acta*, after a rigorous review and selection process, give an overview of the different topics presented at the meeting. Many thanks to the Editor in Chief, Sergio Trasatti, for the management of this Special Issue.

I express my sincere thanks to my colleagues of the International Organizing Committee for their help all along the preparatory phase of the meeting, to the authors for their stimulating presentations, to the other symposium participants and to the session's chairs. I offer special thanks to the student helpers, the ISE office and the Palais du Grand Large who largely contributed to the success of the Meeting. Finally, I wish to express my deep gratitude to all those colleagues who have given me their support for the organisation of this Topical Meeting and

particularly to Bernard Tribollet and Philippe Hapiot for their assistance before and throughout the meeting.

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The venue



Opening address: Nadine Pèbère, Conference Chair. First on her left, Christian Amatore, ISE President



A view of the poster session



Students in the Meeting staff



Lunch in the Jacques Cartier Rotunda



Special cake at the Conference Banquet

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