

Special Issue dedicated to the XVIII Meeting of the Portuguese Electrochemical Society – A glimpse into the electrochemical research in Portugal

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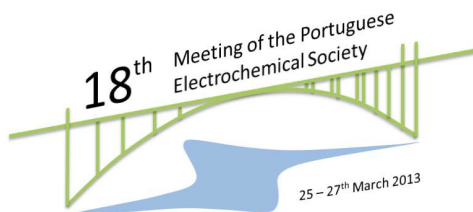


Figure 1. Meeting's logo.

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Figure 2. Meeting's poster.

The Congress brought together many researchers in electrochemistry from Portugal and from other 13 countries. During three scientific and social intensive days, several topics were discussed, ranging from electroanalysis, catalysis, corrosion and novel theoretical aspects of modern electrochemistry. The meeting included six full lectures of leading electrochemists: Professor Richard G. Compton (University of Oxford, UK), Professor Jiří Barek (Přírodovědecká fakulta, Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Czech Republic), Professor António Cunha and Doctor Aleksey Yaremchenko (both from Universidade de Aveiro) and Professor Victor Lobo and Professor José Simões Redinha (both from Universidade de Coimbra).

In the closing balance, the organizing committee felt that all the organization efforts were rewarded by the engagement of all and, therefore, wishes to express its gratitude to all the participants and all sponsors that made this meeting possible (Figure 2).

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