Editorial

Joint event: 8th Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry of South-East Europe (RSE-SEE 8) and 9th Kurt Schwabe Symposium

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After a one-year delay caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 8th Regional Symposium on Electrochemistry of South-East Europe was held jointly with the 9th Kurt Schwabe Symposium from July 11-15, 2022 at Graz University of Technology in Austria. This special edition of the JESE contains a collection of articles presented at this meeting. The 5-day event (including Monday’s Satellite Student Symposium) organized by the Association of South-East European Electrochemists (ASEEE) featured 5 plenaries, 15 keynotes, 71 contributed talks and 38 posters and was attended by 152 scientists and researchers from 23 countries. The scientific program is available in the book of abstracts and consisted of the following sessions:

- Batteries & Electrochemical Energy Storage
- Electrochemical Energy Conversion & Catalysis
- Electrochemical Processing & Engineering
- Corrosion Science & Corrosion Protection
- Organic Electrochemistry & Bioelectrochemistry
- Electroanalytical Chemistry & Sensors
- General Topics & Physical Electrochemistry
- Kurt Schwabe Symposium

The chairs of this symposium placed special emphasis on the participation of young scientists from Southeastern Europe and more than 2 years of online-only conferences, this opportunity for a face-to-face meeting was gladly accepted. It had already become clear during the previous events in this symposium series how important personal professional exchange in this region is for the progress of the traditionally strong electrochemistry in Southeastern Europe. Against the background of the current difficult situation, the participation of a researcher from the Ukraine can also be considered a success.
As guest editors of this special issue, we would like to thank everyone involved for their contributions and support. This applies in particular to the authors and reviewers of the articles, whose interaction is essential for the professional quality. We would be pleased, if the readers of the jESE enjoy the articles in this special issue and we hope, if they offer both insights and stimuli for discussion.