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Major Goals: The Twenty Third International Symposium on Molten Salts and Ionic Liquids is part of the 242nd International Meeting of the Electrochemical Society held in Atlanta, GA, October 9-14, 2022. For nearly four decades it has served as the premier forum for the interchange of ideas between molten salt and ionic liquids researchers from around the world. The Molten Salts and Ionic Liquids symposium was initiated in 1976, and has generally been held every other year in conjunction with The Electrochemical Society international meetings; however, twice in its history the symposium has been held at three-year intervals. Using recent history as an indicator, we expect roughly 100 presentations (oral and posters) representing investigators from 18 countries. We expect the oral and poster presentations will originate from among a diverse collection of international scholars, including USA, Japan, France, Germany, China, Canada, Norway, Belgium, United Kingdom, Italy, South Korea, Estonia, Russia, and Ukraine. In addition to the body of work discussed at the symposiums, publication of the symposium proceedings summarizes and expands on each presentation. The volume is published by The Electrochemical Society through its definitive proceedings series on numerous topics. The Electrochemical Society requests that a minimum of 80% of symposium presentations be included in the volume before publication is allowed; therefore, the volume provides a comprehensive overview of each published symposium. The Symposium on Molten Salts and its proceedings showcase the state-of-the-art in molten salt research, which spans a wide range of scientific basic research. The sampling of topics below illustrates the diversity of the most recent past symposium.

This symposium will provide an international and interdisciplinary forum to present the latest research on systems involving molten salts and ionic liquids. Papers on basic and applied research in all areas of chemistry, engineering, electrochemical systems, and physics related to molten salts and ionic liquids are solicited. The topics will include but are not restricted to: 1) Power & Energy Applications (e.g. batteries, fuel cells, semiconductors, photovoltaics, and phase change energy storage); 2) Rare Earth and Nuclear chemistry (e.g. lanthanides, actinides, radioisotopes, nuclear reprocessing); 3) Electrodeposition (e.g. deposition of alloys, characterization of electroactive species, and surface characterization); 4) Reactions (e.g. catalysis, synthesis, oligomerizations, and polymerizations); 5) Separations (e.g. selective extractions and biphasic systems); 6) Solute and Solvent Properties (e.g. structural investigations, thermal properties, dynamics, and stability of ionic liquids and molten salts); 7) Biomass applications (e.g. dissolution, modification, and/or reactions utilizing biomass), 8) Materials (e.g. polymer blends, additive manufacturing, active coatings, and corrosion studies); 9) New ionic liquids and molten salt mixtures (e.g. liquid clathrates, binary and ternary melts, and task specific ionic liquids); 10) Deep eutectic solvents (e.g., synthesis, properties, and applications). In addition, papers are encouraged for a special session to honor the 2022 recipient of the Max Bredig Award, Prof. Tom Welton.

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Training Opportunities: Nothing to Report

Results Dissemination: Proceedings vol 109, no 14, of ECS Transactions was published based on this meeting that included 27 peer reviewed conference papers. Also, a Special Issue of the Journal of the Electrochemical Society is being assembled for publication in summer 2023. The Call for Papers, Proceedings Preface and Table of Contents are attached.

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Summary The 23rd International Symposium on Molten Salts and Ionic Liquids was held as part of a joint meeting of the 242nd National Electrochemical Society (ECS). Funds were requested and awarded from the Army Research Office (ARO) in the amount of \$30,000 to supplement travel expenses for speakers. These funds were specifically directed to support travel and registration fees for symposium invited speakers and some junior faculty.

Relevance to ARO

The Symposium on Molten Salts and Ionic Liquids covers a wide range of topics of importance to the United States Army, including electrochemical power (e.g., battery and fuel cells), solid state materials (e.g., corrosion resistant alloys and semiconductors), molten salt promoted corrosion phenomena (e.g., high temperature turbine corrosion), separations (e.g., toxic gas sensing and removal), nuclear fuel reprocessing, and bio-materials and systems (e.g., biological reactions, bio-catalysis, and bio- nanocomposites). Molten salts and ionic liquids offer the potential for unique solvent environments for biological reactions and biocatalysis. The high ionic strength and non-complexing nature of many of these systems provide unique opportunity for novel biological reactions and bio-based materials. The guiding philosophy for the symposia at the National Electrochemical Society meetings, including the Symposium on Molten Salts and Ionic Liquids, is based on the stated objectives of The Electrochemical Society which are to advance the theory and practice of electrochemistry, solid state sciences, and allied subjects; to encourage the research and dissemination of knowledge in these fields; and to promote the education of fundamental and applied scientists and engineers in these fields.

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Keynote lectures will be presented by invited speakers. A poster session will be planned. Student participation is highly encouraged, and it is anticipated that some funds will be available for student and young scientist support.

An issue of ECS Transactions will be published “AT” the meeting. All authors will need to submit their manuscripts by July 01, 2022. All manuscripts will be submitted online, and must be in either MS Word or PDF format. Authors are expected to use the official ECS Transaction template.

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