

## Preface

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*Electrochemistry is truly an interdisciplinary science and plays an important role in different branches of science and technology. The present Discussion Meet on ElectroAnalytical Techniques (DM-ELANTE-2008) is focused on the update of various electroanalytical techniques which have brought out a substantial change in electroanalytical chemistry. The aim of this Discussion Meet is to provide a forum to all the electroanalytical scientists to discuss their recent findings and information, learn from the mutual experiences and interests, and to promote cooperation both nationally and internationally. It is proposed to have tutorial lectures as well as invited talks during the Discussion Meet on various electroanalytical techniques including Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS), Spectroelectrochemistry, Scanning Electrochemical Microscopy (SECM), Electrochemical Quartz Crystal Microbalance (EQCM), Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR) etc.*

*It is indeed a matter of great pleasure and satisfaction to the Editors to present this Volume containing the manuscripts of the Invited Talks, the Contributed papers and the Research Scholars' oral presentations to be discussed during DM-ELANTE-2008 to be held at Tea County, Munnar during February 25-28, 2008. The present Discussion Meet is being organized under the aegis of Indian Society for ElectroAnalytical Chemistry (ISEAC), Mumbai and is the third in the Series. Previously two discussion meets DM-COUL-2005 and DM-BNFL-2006 have been organized under the auspices of ISEAC, in addition to three Triennial International Conferences on ElectroAnalytical Chemistry and Allied Topics (ELAC-2000 at Mumbai, ELAC-2004 at Goa and ELAC-2007 at Shimla). In the present Discussion Meet, there are about 15 Invited Talks, 30 contributed papers, 6 Research Scholars' oral presentations and 6 tutorial lectures. In addition, the program would include open forum discussion on various electroanalytical techniques being used by various researchers in their respective areas. There are about 70 delegates from different Institutes, Universities and Industries in India, including 10 invited speakers from overseas.*

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*We take this opportunity to wish all the delegates a pleasant stay in Munnar and stimulating discussions during DM-ELANTE-2008.*

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