

ELECTROCHEMSA WORKSHOP IV

International workshop on electrochemical microscopy & spectroscopy,
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), Port Elizabeth, South Africa
21 – 22 February 2011.



PRESENTERS ... Prof Immanuel Iwuoha (back from left), Dr Jacob Ketter and Dr Martijn van Dijk and (front) Prof Kenneth Ozeomena, Chemistry's Dr Shawn Gouws and Dr Ernst Ferg, Dr Tesfaye Waryo and Prof Priscilla Baker were among the presenters at the 4th Electrochem SA Workshop recently hosted by NMMU.

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The 4th workshop of the Electrochemistry division of SACI (ElectrochemSA Workshop IV) entitled "International workshop on electrochemical microscopy & spectroscopy" was recently held at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), Port Elizabeth, South Africa from 21 – 22 February 2011. Delegates from AngloPlatinum, Bruker, CSIR, Gamry, Metrohm, Mintek, and Willard Batteries (Powertech) as well as students from NMMU, University of the Western Cape (UWC), University of Cape Town (UCT) and University of Rhodes (UR) engaged in interactive discussion and training in specialised applications of electrochemistry.

The workshop programme included specialist presentations by Dr Jacob Ketter (Gamry, USA), Dr Martijn van Dijk (Metrohm, The Netherlands), Prof K Ozoemena (CSIR, Pretoria South Africa), Dr T Waryo (Graz, Austria) and Mr Pieter Norval (Bruker, South Africa) on topics including electrochemical impedance spectroscopy, Atomic force microscopy, scanning electrochemical microscopy and spectro-electrochemistry. Students were also given the opportunity to share their research in the form of posters and short motivational presentations.

The host university provided excellent facilities for networking and the catering was of a very high standard. The after dinner talk at the workshop formal dinner was presented by Prof Peter Loyson (NMMU) who combined his expertise in Egyptology and Electrochemistry into a presentation which astounded the audience with insights into using modern tools in the understanding of ancient technology. ElectrochemSA would like to express sincere appreciation to Dr S Gouws, Dr Ernst Ferg and Prof Peter Loyson and supporting NMMU staff, for efficiently hosting the 4th ElectrochemSA workshop on their beautiful university campus. ElectrochemSA will continue to develop themed workshops as a means of facilitating training and sharing expertise within the South African Electrochemistry community.

Should you wish to share news relevant to the Electrochemistry community in South Africa please contact the chairperson by email on: pbaker@uwc.ac.za