

Achieving Full Potential

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A Smooth Transition

Since November 2023, after confirmation from the Chemistry Europe Council, I have taken on the role of Editor-in-Chief of *Batteries & Supercaps*. After Greta Heydenrych's departure from Wiley in 2022, Kate Lawrence became acting Editor-in-Chief. I am grateful to have had the opportunity of working at the journal as Associate Editor since 2018, right after it launched, and to have remained with its development throughout these past years. Therefore, stepping into this new position has been a seamless process. I am really looking forward to further focus my time on developing the journal and ensuring that it continues to be a trusted forum for the electrochemical energy storage community around the globe.

The editorial team of *Batteries & Supercaps* consists of four in-house professional editors: myself as Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editor Halgard Staesche (both of us based in Germany), and Associate Editors Claire Yang Gao (based in Beijing) and Hao Ren (based in Shanghai). In addition, we have the support of two Editorial Assistants (Christine Ehrhard and Bettina Dauch) and one Production Editor (Hema Iyer).

Five Years Down!

Throughout 2023 *Batteries & Supercaps* celebrated its first five years. To commemorate this occasion, we published our **5-Year Anniversary Special Collection** with contributions from our Editorial Advisory and Early Career Editorial Advisory Boards. In addition, with the support of Guest Editors Zhen Zhou (Zhengzhou University), Taeseup Song (Hanyang University), and Cheng Tang (Tsinghua University), we launched a Special Collection highlighting **Young Scientists in Battery Research**. This collection is mainly focused on authors from Asia, but we will expand it worldwide in 2024, so be on the lookout for an invitation to contribute!



In addition to these celebratory collections, we continued to publish high-quality energy storage research and successfully wrapped up topical collections on **Organic Batteries** (Guest Editors: Alexandru Vlad (Université catholique de Louvain), Jun Chen (Nankai University), and Yan Yao (University of Houston)), **Solid-State Batteries** (joint with *Advanced Energy Materials*, *ChemSusChem*, *Advanced Energy and Sustainability Research*, and *Energy Technology*), and **Post-Lithium Storage: Shaping the Future** (also joint with *Advanced Energy Materials* and *ChemSusChem* and guest-edited by our Board Chair Jürgen Janek (Justus-Liebig Universität), Maximilian Fichtner (Helmholtz Institute Ulm), Birgit Esser (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg), Kelsey Hatzell (Princeton University), and Yongsheng Hu (Chinese Academy of Science)). We also successfully completed special collections related to the **Sodium-Ion Batteries (ICNaB 2022)** conference, the **IV International Symposium on Advanced Energy Storage and Devices**, and the **NordBatt 2022** conference.

Community Engagement

Engaging with our board members, authors, and readers is of utmost importance for the development of the journal and in 2023, our editors were present at the 74th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Electrochemistry (Lyon, France), Swiss Battery Days 2023 (PSI, Switzerland), and the Materials for Tomorrow conference (Göteborg, Sweden) (Figure 1). In addition, we celebrated the "Wiley Future Batteries & Supercaps Symposium" at Zhengzhou University, organized by our board member Zhen Zhou (Figure 2).

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Figure 1. Editor-in-Chief Rosalba A. Rincón with board members Alejandro A. Franco at Swiss Battery Days 2023 (left), and board members Yury Gogotsi and Patrik Johansson at the Materials for Tomorrow conference (right).



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Coming up in 2024

We will continue to strengthen the bonds with our community and expect to be more present at relevant conferences and events, together with our sister journals. To this end, we continue to plan Special Collections on the most relevant topics for the community, so keep an eye on the Special Collections tab of our homepage for the latest updates.

We are very happy to announce that from January 2024, two members of our Early Career Advisory Board have been promoted to the Editorial Advisory Board. Ivano E. Castelli (Technical University of Denmark) and Ivana Hasa (WMG – The University of Warwick) have been among the strongest contributors to the journal, not only publishing with us, but acting as referees and Guest Editors of Special Collections and we'd like to thank them wholeheartedly for their continued support.

Stay in Touch

As always, we are open to any input from all members of the energy storage community. Please get in touch with us with any feedback, critique, or ideas. We look forward to hearing from you and on behalf of the entire *Batteries & Supercaps* Editorial Team, we wish you all the best for 2024!

– Rosalba –

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Figure 2. Associate Editor Claire Gao (left) and board member Zhen Zhou (right) at the Wiley Batteries & Supercaps symposium held on November 19, 2023, at Zhengzhou University.