

## Editorial

The XVI<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Bioelectrochemistry and Bioenergetics took place in Bratislava (Slovakia) from June 1 to 6, 2001. It was organized by Prof. Tibor Hianik of Comenius University, under the auspices of the *Bioelectrochemical Society* (BES), and was attended by 170 scientists from 30 countries all over the world. The symposium, as usual for BES meetings, had a strong interdisciplinary character, and the contributions covered all aspects of bioelectrochemistry ranging from basic research to practical applications. The presentations (plenary lectures and posters) were grouped into sections which are closely related to the topics of *Bioelectrochemistry*. In addition, the symposium had a special section on “Mechanisms of Electron Transfer in Biomolecules”, which was organized by Prof. K. Niki and F. Armstrong, in collaboration with the section of Bioelectrochemistry of the *International Society of Electrochemistry* (ISE). A summary of topics dealt with in the sections can be found in a previous Editorial [Bioelectrochemistry 55 (2002) x].

The symposium was perceived as a very interesting and successful scientific event, which provided valuable information on rather diverse aspects in the large field of bioelectrochemistry. Therefore, BES together with Elsevier decided to make this information available also in printed form. The format of extended abstracts was chosen in order

to warrant a concise representation of all contributions (lectures and posters) but also to allow a fast publication. Authors were invited to submit manuscripts at the symposium, and such a manuscript was considered suitable if it presents new material in a self-consistent way, comparable to a short communication. It should be understood, however, that all manuscripts were peer reviewed, and thus are different from the type of contributions usually found in the proceedings of a meeting. At this occasion we would like to thank the many colleagues who have helped us with this reviewing process.

This volume then presents the second series of extended abstracts [a first series was published in Bioelectrochemistry 55 (2002)]. For reasons mentioned in the previous Editorial, they again pertain to all sections of the symposium. We hope these extended abstracts will serve the purpose they are intended for, to the benefit of all those who could not attend the symposium.

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