# 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Electrochemistry

# "Electrochemistry, meeting societal needs"

# 03 to 06 April 2023

# **Programme**

#### **Oral Presentations**

#### Monday 3 April 2023

07:30 – 8:45	Registration
8:45 – 9:20	Opening Ceremony
	Welcome address Prof Omotayo Arotiba - the Chairperson ElectrochemSA
	Introduction of Special Guests
	Opening Addresses:
	Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Johannesburg
Chair 1	Prof Emmanuel Iwuoha (UWC)
9:20 -9:25	Introduction of Plenary
9:25-10:10	Plenary 1: <b>Prof Marc Cretin</b> (University of Montpellier, France) - <i>Electro</i> -
	and photo-electro-materials as catalysts for environmental applications:
	"From the Material to the Process for Environmental Sciences"
10:10 -10:30	O1: Daniel Masekela (UJ) - Application of piezo-photocatalyst thin film
	(FTO/BaTiO3/SnO2) for enhanced catalytic degradation of organic
	pollutants under visible light and ultrasonic vibration
10:30-10:50	O2: <b>Kehinde Jayeola</b> (UJ) – <i>Enhanced photoelectrochemical degradation of</i>
10.50 10.50	ciprofloxacin in wastewater over a $Bi_2O_2S/ZnO$ heterojunction photoanode
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10:50 – 11:10	Tea
Chair 2	Prof Omotayo Arotiba (UJ)
11:10-11:40	Keynote 1: <b>Prof Kwena Desmond Modibane</b> (University of Limpopo,
	South Africa) - Metal organic framework composites: Synthesis and real-
	life applications of electrochemistry
11:40 -12:00	O3: <b>Thapelo Mofokeng</b> (WITS) - <i>Electrochemical performance of dual pre-</i>
	intercalated α-MnO₂ cathode for zinc-ion batteries
12:00-12:20	O4: <b>Prof Mesfin Kebede</b> (UNISA) - The Impact of Synthesis Route on
12.00-12.20	
	Electrochemical Performance of LiNi0.6Co0.2Mn0.2O2 Cathode Materials
	for Lithium-Ion Battery
12:20-12:40	O5: <b>Dr Shawn Gouws</b> (NMU) - <i>Green Hydrogen Production from PEM</i>
	Electrolyser: A characterization of Oxidative Evolution Reaction Catalysts
12:40-13:00	IO6: <b>Dr Katlego Makgopa</b> (TUT) - <i>Nanocomposite materials for high-</i>
	performance supercapacitor applications
13:00 -14:00	Lunch and visit to exhibitors

14:00-14:30	Keynote 2: <b>Prof Philiswa Nomngongo</b> (UJ) - <i>Nanomaterial-based</i>
	electrochemical sensing trace metals: From design to application
14:30-14:50	O7: <b>Nyasha Midzi</b> (UJ) - Dendrimer supramolecular architecture based
	electrochemical biosensor for codeine
14:50-15:10	IO8: Prof Mangaka Matoetoe (CPUT) - Functionalized nanoclay
	electrochemical sensors for pharmaceuticals
15:10-15:40	Keynote 3: <b>Prof Vernon Somerset</b> (CPUT) - <i>Electrochemical Sensors for</i>
	Environmental Applications
15:40-1600	Tea break
Chair 4	Prof Philiswa Nomngongo (UJ)
16:00-16:20	09: Jimodo Jorreta Ogada (WITS) - CeO2 Enhances the Activity and
	Durability of Palladium-based Electrocatalysts for Hydrogen Oxidation in
	Anion-Exchange-Membrane Fuel Cells
16:20-16:40	O10: Mpho Ratsoma (TUT) - Application of N-rGO/NH4MnPO4·H2O
	nanohybrid as battery-type electrode material in hybrid supercapacitors
16:40-17:00	O11: Daniel Teffu (UL) - High-performance supercabattery based on
	reduced graphene oxide/metal organic framework nanocomposite
	decorated with palladium nanoparticles
17:05-17:40	6 Flash Poster Presentations: P1, P3, P4, P10, P16, P19
17:40-19:00	Drinks and poster session: All Posters

## Tuesday 4 April 2023

Chair 5	Prof Priscilla Baker (UWC)
8:10-8:15	Introduction of plenary
8:15-9:00	Plenary 2: <b>Prof Sabeth Verpoorte</b> (University of Groningen, Netherlands) - Reading Out Organ-on-a-Chip Systems
9:00-9:20	IO12: <b>Dr Pim De Haan</b> (University of Groningen, Netherlands) - <i>Organs-on-chips for drug studies</i>
9:20 -9:40	IO13: <b>Prof Usisipho Feleni</b> (UNISA) - <i>Nickel Selenide Quantum dot Reactor</i> for Electro-oxidation of Nevirapine in Wastewater
9:40-10:00	O14: Lu-Nita Berrange (UP) - Porphyrin based porous organic polymers enriched with Fe3O4 nanoparticles as electrosensors for the detection of endocrine disrupting chemicals in water.
10:00-10:20	O15: <b>Dr Kefilwe Vanessa Mokwebo</b> (UWC) - Electrochemical evaluation and voltammetric determination of nevirapine on a boron-doped diamond electrode
10:20-10:40	Tea break
Chair 6	Prof Kwena Modibane (UL)
10:40-11:00	O16: <b>Agnes Mongwe</b> (WITS) - High-entropy spinel oxides as bifunctional electrocatalysts for rechargeable zinc-air batteries
11:00-11:20	O17: <b>Dr Nithyadharseni Palaniyandy</b> (IDEAS, UNISA) - <i>NASICON-type NaSn2(PO4)3 microstructures and nanorods anode for lithium-, and sodium-ion batteries</i>
11:20-11:40	O18: <b>Siyabonga Patrick Mbokazi</b> (UJ) - Synthesis and Characterization of NiFe2O4 on N, P co-doped carbon nanosheets as an efficient electrocatalyst for oxygen reduction in direct methanol fuel cell
11:40-12:00	O19: <b>Colani Fakude</b> (WITS) - Palladium nanoparticles supported on high- entropy spinel oxide as a highly efficient electrocatalyst for ethanol oxidation reaction
12:00-12:20	O20: <b>Dr Rhiyaad Mohamed</b> (UCT) - High Performance Iridium-based Electrocatalysts for Proton Exchange Membrane Water Electrolysis
12:20-12:50	Keynote 4: <b>Prof Pierre Henri Aubert</b> (CY Cergy Paris University, France) - Vertically aligned carbon nanotubes and conducting polymers: from lab curiosity to scale up
12:50-13:50	Lunch
Chair 7	Prof Omolola Fayemi (NWU)
13:50 – 14:20	Keynote 5: <b>Prof Krishna Bisetty</b> (DUT) - Role of Theoretical, Experimental and Computational Chemistry in Sensors
14:20-14:40	O21: <b>Andisiwe Ngwekazi</b> (UWC) - <i>Electrochemical detection of dopamine at cucurbit</i> [7] <i>uril modified transducers.</i>

14:40-15:00	O22: <b>Dr Ruchika Chauhan</b> (Rhodes University) - <i>Electrochemical</i> characterization of Carbon blacks in different redox probes and their application
15:00-15:20	O23: <b>Clementine Louw</b> (UWC) - <i>Impedimetric spectroscopy immunosensor</i> for in-vitro detection of Cardiac Troponin I
15:20-15:40	O24: <b>Dr Gloria Uwaya</b> (DUT) - Electrochemical Sensing Platform Based on Multiwalled Carbon nanotubes and Cobalt Oxide for the Detection of Epicatechin in Food: supported by Insilco Studies
15:40-16:30	8 Flash Poster Presentation: P21, P25, P27, P31, P32, P33, P37, P40
16:30 -18:00	Drinks and Poster presentations: All Posters
18:00 -	Free evening for networking and collaboration

## Wednesday 5 April 2023

Chair 8	Prof Nonhlangabezo Mabuba (UJ)
8:10-8:15	Introduction of plenary
8:15-9:00	Plenary 3: <b>Prof Jeanet Conradie</b> (University of the Free State, South Africa)  - The redox chemistry of bidentate ligands and their metal complexes:  Electronic influence of substituent groups
9:00-9:20	O25: <b>Dr Miranda Ndipingwi</b> (UWC) - The Design and Performance of Zinc doped Lithium Manganese Silicate Positive Electrode for Supercapatteries
9:20 -9:40	O26: <b>Christopher Nolly</b> (UWC) - Supercapacitive Effects of Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotubes-Functionalized Spinel Copper Manganese Oxide.
9:40-10:00	O27: <b>Tebogo Mashola</b> (UJ) - Electrocatalytic activity of alumina-silicates supported electrocatalysts for oxygen electro-reduction in alkaline media
10:00-10:20	IO28: <b>Prof Emmanuel Iwuoha</b> (UWC) - <i>Electro-Interferon Gamma</i> Aptasensor TB Test
10:20-10:40	Tea break
Chair 9	Dr Duduzile Nkosi (UJ)
10:45-11:15	Keynote 6: <b>Prof Gugu Mhlongo</b> (CSIR) - <i>Nano-enabled chemi-resistive</i> sensors and their sensing capabilities: Strategic approaches for enhancement of their sensing performance
11:15-11:35	O29: <b>Dr Kaylin Januarie</b> (UWC) - <i>Quantum Dots Electrochemical</i> Aptasensor for TB Biomarker Detection
11:35-12:05	Keynote 7: <b>Prof Esther Fayemi</b> (NWU) - <i>Electrochemical Sensors for Dopamine at Screen-print, Gold and Glassy-carbon Modified Electrodes</i>
12:05-12:30	ElectrochemSA Division meeting
12:30-13:00	Packed Lunch
13:00-	Excursions

## Thursday 6 April 2023

Chair 10 (8:25 am)	Prof Mangaka Matoetoe (CPUT)
8:30-9:15	Keynote 8: <b>Prof Frank Marken</b> (University of Bath, United Kingdom) - From Microporous Polymer Materials to Ionic Diode Desalination
9:15-9:35	O31: <b>Prof Omotayo Arotiba</b> (UJ) - Photoelectrocatalytic degradation of diclofenac sodium at a Ag-BiVO4/BiOI anode and Ag-BiOI cathode dual system
9:35 -9:55	IO32: <b>Prof Nonhlangabezo Mabuba</b> (UJ) - Application of the nanomaterials in freshwater and wastewater quality monitoring and treatment
9:55-10:15	O33: <b>Babatope Ojo</b> (UJ) - Coupling piezo-polarization effect on Ti/BaZrTiO3 anode with sonoelectro-Fenton oxidation for the removal of aspirin in wastewater.
10:15-10:45	Keynote 9: <b>Prof Priscilla Baker</b> (UWC) - <i>Electrochemical impedance</i> spectroscopy in the investigation of materials characterization and kinetics
10:45-11:05	Closing Ceremony
11:05	Tea time and visits to UJ Lab

#### Poster Presentation (03 to 04 April 2023)

Poster No.	Delegate Name	Title
P1	Funmilola A. Adesanya (NWU)	Electrochemical properties of ZnO/fMWCNTs nanocomposite modified glassy carbon electrode
P2	Sesethu Makaluza (UJ)	Nanomaterial based electrochemical sensors for the detection of nicotine
Р3	Dr Dhielnawaaz Abrahams (UWC)	3-Methyl thiophane modified boron-doped diamond (BDD/P3MT) electrodes as efficient phenol detection catalyst for assessing total phenol content in South African tea.
P4	Dr Kanyisa Maqashu (CPUT)	Application of novel Fluorene Clathrate immunosensor for Parvalbumin in Fish
P5	Andrea Siwak (UWC)	Nanostructured immunosensor for low-level detection of waterborne Cryptosporidium
P6	Rezaan Dreyer (UWC)	Developing an electrochemical sensor based on copper modified polymer electrode for the concentration profile of metformin
P7	Onkarabile Pooe (NWU)	SPECTROSCOPY AND CYCLIC VOLTAMMETRY PROPERTIES OF SPEEK/CuO NANOCOMPOSITE AT SCREEN-PRINTED GOLD ELECTRODES
P8	Jaymi January (UWC)	INDIUM NANOPARTICULATE-MODIFIED POLYANILINO-CO-4-AMINOBENZOIC ACID AMPEROMETRIC SENSOR FOR THE DETECTION OF LAPATINIB, A BREAST CANCER DRUG
P9	Teboho Moeketse (UWC)	Uricase biosensing and optimised electrochemical transduction
P10	Laercia Bila (WITS)	WS2/Nitrogen-Doped Onion-Like Carbon Supported Pt Catalyst for the Electro-oxidation of Ethanol in Direct Ethanol Fuel Cells
P11	Dr C Van Der Horst (CPUT)	Application of a Chitosan-Fe/Ag nanocomposite for the detection of cadmium, zinc and lead ions in water samples
P12	Nelia Sanga (UWC)	Chronocoulometric aptasensing of SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein detection on quantum dot electrodes.
P13	Marlon Oranzie (UWC)	Electrochemical Aptasensing of B-type Natriuretic Peptide-A Biomarker for Myocardial Infarction
P14	Grace Olorundare (UJ)	An electrochemical immunosensor for Alpha-fetoprotein cancer biomarker based on carbon black/palladium nanoparticles platform
P15	Dimpo Sipuka (UJ)	Comparative study of the photoelectrochemical performance of Cu <sub>2</sub> O and BiVO <sub>4</sub> towards the degradation of ciprofloxacin in water
P16	Dr Katekani Shingange (UFS)	Enhanced ethanol sensing abilities of fiber-like La1-xCexCoO3(0≤x≤0.2) perovskites based-sensors at low operating temperatures
P17	Dr Duduzile Nkosi (UJ)	A dendrimer - gold nanocomposite based electrochemical aptasensor for the detection of dopamine.
P18	Dr Babatunde Koiki (UJ)	Persulphate assisted photoelectrochemical degradation of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug in water on an FTO-AgNPs-Cu2O photoanode
P19	Alenzo Murray (UWC)	Determination of binding constants between heavy metal ions and cucurbit[n]uril complexes

P20	Dr Busisiwe Zwane (UJ)	Electro-Fenton/anodic oxidation treatment of pharmaceutical cocktail of Ciprofloxacin, Sulfamethoxazole and
		Tetracycline in water
P21	Dr Oluchi Nkwachukwu (UJ)	Characterisation and application of bismuth ferrite - bismuth vanadate p-n heterojunction in the
		photoelectrocatalytic degradation of ciprofloxacin in water
P22	Tshepo Mohlala (UJ)	Photoelectrocatalytic degradation of emerging pollutants in water on an FTO/BiVO4/NiS Photoanode
P23	Tsholofelo Sebokolodi (UJ)	Application of FTO/BiVO4/ZnIn2S4 heterojunction for the removal of ciprofloxacin
P24	Patience Silinda (UJ)	Photocatalytic degradation of selected highly toxic dyes in water using Ag-TiO2
P25	David Mabena (TUT)	Tin Oxide supported on Electrochemically Exfoliated Graphene for Supercapacitor Application
P26	Ostar Seerane (TUT)	The decoration of SnO2 nanoparticles on N-rGO for supercapacitor applications
P27	Ernst Hechter (WITS)	Magnetic enhancement of high entropy oxide catalysts for ORR and OER
P28	Fitsum Addis Hailu (WITS)	Electrochemical Techniques for Battery Performance Characterization
		Zinc-air Battery Case
P29	Augustus Lebechi (WITS)	High Entropy Spinel Oxide as a Bifunctional Electrocatalyst for Rechargeable Zinc-Air Battery
P30	Dr Aderemi B Haruna (WITS)	Defect engineered Spinel Li4Ti5O12 anode materials for improved lithium-ion batteries
P31	Tebogo Tsekeli (WITS)	Defect-engineered microwave irradiated manganese rich LiNi0.2Mn0.6Co0.2O2 cathode material for improved
		lithium-ion batteries
P32	Reinhard Klopper (UP)	The electrochemical reduction of CO2 to value added products
P33	Tankiso Mashabane (UWC)	Electrochemical sensing of nitrogen species in seawater
P34	Refiloe Modise (WITS)	The Synergistic Effects of Ceria Titanate and Carbon as Supports for Platinum Nanoparticles in Acidic Electrolyte
P35	Marius Ngoepe (WITS)	High Entropy Spinel Oxide CeO2@(CoCuFeNiMn)3O4 as bifunctional electrocatalyst for rechargeable zinc-air
		batteries
P36	Mercy Nduni (WITS)	High-entropy metal oxide supported on onion-like carbon as a catalyst for polysulfide conversion in lithium-sulfur
		batteries
P37	Masego Ramonyai (WITS)	Hydrolysis effects on the voltammetric analysis of Bi3+ - is complexation the answer?
P38	Thulani Rani (UWC)	ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY OF GREEN SYNTHESIZED BUCHU-CAPPED IRON NANOPARTICLES ABSORBED IN
		CHITOSAN HYDROGELS AGAINST GRAM-NEGATIVE ESCHERICHIA COLI AND SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM
		BACTERIAL STRAINS
P39	Prof Jeanet Conradie (UFS)	Redox Chemistry of substituted 2,2':6,2"-terpyridines and their Ru(II) complexes.
P40	Tsholofelo Mosalashuping	ZnO-Pc Nanocomposite: Synthesis and spectroscopic characterization
	(NWU)	