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תת תחום: אנרגיה מתחדשת נטולת פחמן
מרכז הפרויקט: ד"ר גיא יהודה בן חמו
נושא המחקר: פיתוח אנודת מגנזיום ליישומי סוללות מגנזיום-אוויר

פרטי הצעה

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סה"כ תקציב מבוקש: ILS 741,836	

תחום אנרגיה מתחדשת נטולת פחמן

מידע מדעי כללי

נושא המחקר (עברית)	נושא המחקר (אנגלית)
פיתוח אנודת מגנזיום ליישומי סוללות מגנזיום-אוויר	Development of Magnesium anode for Mg-Air Battery

מילות מפתח (אנגלית)

magnesium alloys, Mg-air batteries, Discharge performance, Electrochemical behaviors

תקציר המחקר (בעברית)

בעידן של פיתוח בר קיימא וחדשנות אקולוגית, צפיפות אנרגיה גבוהה היא אחת הדרישות הקריטיות לפיתוח אגירת אנרגיה חדשה, כולל פיתוח סוללות. מחקרים מאשרים שלסוללות מתכת-אוויר יש צפיפות אנרגיה גבוהה במיוחד, עמידות והספק ספציפי בהשוואה לסוללות קונבנציונליות. בנוסף, ידידותיים לסביבה, קלות משקל ועלותן נמוכה. סוללת מגנזיום-אוויר היא אחת ממערכות הסוללה האטרקטיביות ביותר ומציגה מתח תיאורטי וצפיפות אנרגיה גבוהים. למגנזיום תכונות פיזיקליות ואלקטרוכימיות, הוא זול, ולכן הוא מועמד אטרקטיבי ליישומי מתכת-אוויר. למרות יתרונות רבים של סגסוגות המגנזיום, קיים פער מדעי/טכנולוגי בשימוש בסגסוגות מגנזיום כאנודה ליישומי סוללות מתכת-אוויר. שתי הבעיות העיקריות של אנודות המגנזיום הן תהליכי הקורוזיה העצמית המהירה באלקטרוליט מימי וקינטיקה אנודית וקתודית נמוכה יחד עם תגובות לוואי. אחת הסיבות העיקריות לבעיות הללו הינה המגוון הקטן של סגסוגות מגנזיום הקיימות כיום והפיתוח שלא התמקד בשימוש סוללות מתכת-אוויר. רק מחקר יישומי שיוכל לפיתוח ייעודי של סגסוגות מגנזיום יוכל לצמצם את הפער היישומי הנוכחי. מחקר זה יפתח מספר סגסוגות מגנזיום, בעלות נמוכה, וייבחן את הקשר בין תכולת האלמנטים המסגסגים, תהליכי הייצור, המיקרומבנה והתנהגות הפריקה של אנודת המגנזיום. בנוסף, בתום תהליך הפיתוח, יורכב אב טיפוס לסוללת מגנזיום-אוויר תוך התחשבות בתחולת הסוללה בעתיד הקרוב ובדגש על יישומים ברכבים חשמליים.

תקציר המחקר (אנגלית)

In an era of sustainable development and innovation ecosystem, a high-energy-density is one of the critical requirements for developing new energy storage, including battery technology. Research to date confirms that, Metal-Air Batteries (MABs) have an exceptionally high energy density, durability, and specific power compared to conventional batteries. In addition, they are environmentally friendly, low-cost, and lightweight. The Mg-air battery is one of the most attractive battery systems and presents high theoretical voltage and energy density. Mg has physical and electrochemical properties, is inexpensive, and is an attractive candidate for MABs applications. Despite many advantages of Mg alloys, there is a scientific/technological gap in using Mg alloys as an anode for MAB. The two main issues for Mg anode are the fast self-corrosion in an aqueous electrolyte and low anodic and cathodic kinetics along with few side reactions. One of the main reasons for those problems is the small variety of Mg alloys available today and the development that did not focus on applicability for MAB. Only applied research that will lead to a dedicated Mg alloy development could reduce the current application gap. This study will develop several low-cost Mg alloys and the relationship between alloying elements, process, and the Mg anode's discharge behavior will be studied. In addition, at the end of the development process, a prototype will be assembled for a Mg-Air battery taking into account the applicability of the battery in the near future and emphasizing applications in EVs.

פוטנציאל יישומי:

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פוטנטיים הנוגעים למחקר: לא

האם מעורב קניין רוחני / לא של צד ג':

קשר לחברה מסחרית / לא תעשייתית:

חשיבות המחקר:

היישום המרכזי עבור סוללות מגנזיום-אוויר הינו תעשיית הרכב, אך יש לקחת בחשבון שהפיתוח יאפשר שימושים נוספים ורבים כספק אנרגיה ירוקה בחירום במצב המתנה עבור בתי חולים, בתי ספר, אזורי אסון וכמובן ציוד צבאי רגיש. מתכת המגנזיום הינה מתכת בעלת תכונות משופרות עבור יישום עתידי לאנודת עבור סוללות מתכת אוויר, כמו כן מתכת זו הינה המתכת היחידה המופקת ומיוצרת במדינת ישראל, כך שיישום עתידי יכול להביא להשפעה נרחבת לכלכלה ולאנרגיה במדינת ישראל.

האם המחקר כולל

מחקר בבני אדם: לא מחקר בבעלי חיים: לא מחקר בצמחים: לא

מחקר בבתי ספר: לא

אני מודעת/ת כי עלי לוודא את תוקף הארכת האישורים ככל שידרשו לאורך כל תקופת המחקר: לא

האם במחקר צפוי להיעשות שימוש בתשתיות ארגונים בינלאומיים בהם ישראל חברה: לא

קבוצות המחקר

פרטי חוקר

מומחיות: הנדסת חומרים, התנהגות סביבתית, טכנולוגיות ייצור

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סוג חוקר: מרכז פרויקט

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מוסד: המכללה האקדמית להנדסה - סמי שמעון

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אחוז זמן בפרויקט: 25

סוג חוקר: חוקר ראשי

שם: Prof Amir Eliezer

מוסד: המכללה האקדמית להנדסה - סמי שמעון

טלפון נייד:

צוות המחקר

פרטים	קבוצה
תפקיד במחקר: סטודנט לתואר שני שם: Ms Student A Student A מוסד: המכללה האקדמית להנדסה - סמי שמעון דואר אלקטרוני: מומחיות: הנדסת חומרים, קורוזיה	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
תפקיד במחקר: דוקטורנט שם: Mr Student B Student B מוסד: המכללה האקדמית להנדסה - סמי שמעון דואר אלקטרוני: מומחיות: הנדסת חומרים	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
תפקיד במחקר: מהנדס מעבדה שם: Mr lab technician lab technician מוסד: המכללה האקדמית להנדסה - סמי שמעון דואר אלקטרוני: מומחיות: הנדסת מכונות / חומרים	Prof Amir Eliezer

זמינות

איני מעורב בפרויקטים אחרים: לא

סכום	אחוז הזמן בפרויקט	נושא הפרויקט	שם המוסד המממן	חוקר ראשי
180,000	15	Environmental degradation of AM-fabricated structural alloys	SCE	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu

תקציב מבוקש

מטבע: ILS

סה"כ תקציב מבוקש: 741,836

מס' שנים: 3

שכר

קבוצה	שם חוקר	חודשים למימון	סכום לשנה 1	סכום לשנה 2	סכום לשנה 3	סה"כ סכום
Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu	דוקטורנט	12	83,300	83,000	83,300	249,600
Salary requested for Ph.D students ho will perform a Ph.D study on the various aspects of this proposal will spend 100% of their time doing research						
Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu	סטודנט לתואר שני	12	60,000	60,000	0	120,000
Salary requested for the scholarship of MSc students ho will perform a master study on the various aspects of this proposal will spend 100% of their time doing research						
Prof Amir Eliezer	מהנדס מעבדה	3	20,825	20,825	20,825	62,475
Lab technician salary is allocated for successful sample preparation and characterization						
סה"כ						432,075

ציוד קבוע

קבוצה	תאור הציוד	סכום לשנה 1	סכום לשנה 2	סכום לשנה 3	סה"כ סכום
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מקורות עצמיים

קבוצה	סעיף תקציבי	סך מקורות עצמיים	מטבע	תאור הציוד
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ציוד קבוע יעודי

קבוצה	תאור הציוד	סכום לשנה 1	סכום לשנה 2	סכום לשנה 3	סה"כ סכום מבוקש
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מחשבים

קבוצה	תאור הציוד	סה"כ סכום מבוקש
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מיחשוב ייעודי

קבוצה	תאור הציוד	סה"כ סכום מבוקש
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סה"כ סכום	סכום לשנה 3	סכום לשנה 2	סכום לשנה 1	תאור הציוד	קבוצה
60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	Chemicals, Materials & lab consumables	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
.Lab consumables are standard: chemicals, solvents, glassware, gasses					
30,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Consumables Equipment and Materials for SEM	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
.Consumables for SEM and specimen preparation (such as lapping disks etc')					
60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	Consumables Equipment for electrochemical tests	Prof Amir Eliezer
.Consumables for electrochemical tests (Reference and platinum electrodes)					
150,000	50,000	50,000	50,000		סה"כ

שונות

סה"כ סכום	סכום לשנה 3	סכום לשנה 2	סכום לשנה 1	תקציב עבור	תאור ההוצאה	קבוצה
45,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	אחר	Service Per hour charges	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
Per-hour charges are an important part of this project, and are to cover the use of characterization equipment - XRD, SEM, TEM						
5,000	0	5,000	0	דוח היתכנות יישומי	דוח היתכנות יישומי	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
Report Submission at the end of the second year in accordance with the requirements in the call						
1,000	1,000	0	0	יישוג המחקר	יישוג והנגשת תוצרי יישוג המחקר	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
accessible the research products to the general public						
3,000	3,000	0	0	כנס	יום עיון	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
Organization of one day seminar						
9,000	4,500	4,500	0	פרסומים	Publication in scientific journals	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu
Publication charges in scientific journals (including editing and translation)						
63,000	23,500	24,500	15,000			סה"כ

סיכום תקציב

מטבע: ILS

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סה"כ תקציב
מבוקש:

סיכום תקציב

סעיף תקציבי	סכום מבוקש לשנה 1	סכום מבוקש לשנה 2	סכום מבוקש לשנה 3	סה"כ סכום מבוקש
שכר	164,125	163,825	104,125	432,075
ציוד אזיל	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000
שונות	15,000	24,500	23,500	63,000
תקורה	34,369	35,749	26,644	96,761
דמי ניהול	0	0	0	0
סה"כ	263,494	274,074	204,269	741,836

סיכום תקציב לפי שנים ללא תקורה

קבוצה	סכום מבוקש לשנה 1	סכום מבוקש לשנה 2	סכום מבוקש לשנה 3	סה"כ סכום מבוקש
Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu	188,300	197,500	136,800	522,600
Prof Amir Eliezer	40,825	40,825	40,825	122,475
סה"כ	229,125	238,325	177,625	645,075

סיכום תקציב לפי קבוצה

קבוצה	סה"כ שכר	סה"כ ציוד	סה"כ ציוד יעודי	סה"כ מחשבים	סה"כ מחשבים ייעודי	סה"כ ציוד אזיל	סה"כ שונות	תקורה	דמי ניהול	סה"כ תקורה וניהול
Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu	369,600					90,000	63,000	78,390	0	600,990
Prof Amir Eliezer	62,475					60,000		18,371	0	140,846
סה"כ	432,075	0	0	0	0	150,000	63,000	96,761	0	741,836

מקורות נוספים

מענקים ותמיכות אחרות שנתקבלו למחקר המוצע

חוקר ראשי	מקור מימון	סכום	מטבע	ממשלתי	תיאור	ת. קבלת המימון	ת. סיום קבלת המימון
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אין לי מקורות מימון נוספים: כן

הצהרות מניעת כפל מימון:

אני מצהיר כי הצעת מחקר זו הינה מקורית ולא הוגשה למימון לקרנות אחרות

סוקרים

סוקרים מומלצים

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סוג מסמך	תאור	חוקר	הצגה לסוקר
קורות חיים	קורות חיים	Dr Guy Yehuda Ben Hamu	כן
קורות חיים	קורות חיים	Prof Amir Eliezer	כן
תכנית המחקר-מלאה			כן
תכנית המחקר - קדם	תוכנית המחקר		כן

RESEARCH PRE-PROPOSAL**Title:** Development of Magnesium anode for Mg-Air Battery**Project coordinator:** Dr. Guy Ben Hamu**1. Abstract**

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2. Scientific background and state of the art

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The results obtained from this study could, in the near future, yield the production capability of a commercial Mg-Air battery system based on new high-performance Mg-based anodes. As stated in the aims, at the end of the study, a prototype for the developed Mg-Air battery will be presented, along with recommendations for commercial production under the industrial requirement (for various applications – from personal mobile to EVs)

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The Mg-air battery produces electricity through an electrochemical reaction in an aqueous electrolyte of the Mg alloy and the oxygen in the air. Mg-based anodes suffer from self-corrosion due to the anodic hydrogen reaction, also known as the Negative Difference Effect. The chemical step produces no electrons for the Mg-air battery, leading to poor anodic efficiency and poor discharge capacity. The chunk effect, the wasteful spalling of the metallic Mg chunks from the Mg anode during the discharge, is another self-corrosion mechanism that can significantly contribute to the loss in the utilization efficiency of Mg anode [5].

Three main approaches are usually adopted to cope with such practical limitations, namely anode material modification [6-26], anode material processing [27-40] and electrolyte chemistry modification [41-52]. The anode material modification via alloying of a wide range of elements and their combinations to the Mg anode has been extensively investigated in recent

years. Moreover, production processes, such as heat treatment and mechanical-deformation-based methods, have been utilized to investigate the effect of microstructural characteristics of different Mg anodes on their discharge performance. Improvement in the delivered voltage by any anode modification approach has usually been attributed to the easier detachment of the corrosion products during the discharge, which prevents the accumulative fouling of the Mg anode surface. Such characteristics are claimed to be induced by different microstructural features such as small and uniformly distributed second phases, long-period stacking order and the presence of twins. On the other hand, the reduction in the self-corrosion rate of the Mg anode during the discharge via anode modification approach has commonly been deduced from the lower corrosion rate of the developed Mg anode at open circuit potential (OCP), overlooking the polarization-dependent NDE. The extent of the chunk effect also strongly depends on the microstructure of the Mg anode, which, in turn, stems from the uneven dissolution of the Mg anode, especially along the grain boundaries and the secondary phases. Despite many studies done on this topic, no scientific breakthrough has yet been reported for understanding and controlling the phenomenon. All this is due to the fact that the process of selecting the alloying elements together with the production method was not directly adapted to battery development but as part of a comprehensive study of the corrosion of magnesium alloys.

Although the auspicious results reported the significant effect of the electrolyte chemistry modification on the discharge performance of the primary Mg-air battery, relatively limited studies have explored this approach so far. An intuitive way of improving the utilization efficiency of the Mg-air battery via electrolyte modification is to add chemicals to the electrolyte with the already known corrosion inhibitive effect for the Mg anode.

The few recently published works based on the same approach of activating the Mg anode have introduced more effective complexing agents. They investigated different involved parameters, such as applied current density, the concentration of complexing agents, as well as combination of complexing agents with other electrolyte additives. Using the complexing agents and their mixtures as the electrolyte additive for primary Mg-air batteries is indeed revolutionary in terms of achieving the theoretical capacity and voltage of the batteries. However, the understanding of the enhancement mechanism, which may differ for different complexing agents, is at its nascent stage. However, most of the research work on this topic has been researched on Mg alloys that are not suitable for Mg-Air batteries applications.

Aside from anodic corrosion, the low Coulombic efficiency of Mg-air batteries is also caused by the slow kinetics of ORR. As a complex process in Mg-air batteries, ORR involves the diffusion of atmospheric oxygen to catalyst surface, the absorption of oxygen on catalyst surface, the transfer of electrons from anode to oxygen molecules, the breakage of oxygen bonds, and the removal of products from catalyst surface to electrolyte. Here, the reaction mechanism depends on pH environments, and to facilitate ORR, protons or hydroxyls are necessary (i.e. an acidic or alkaline environments). And neutral media (pH = 7) has been reported to have negative influence on ORR kinetics under high overpotentials due to lower proton and hydroxyl concentrations (10^{-7} mol/L) [4].

To date, no studies have been conducted that take into account the full perspective of the development Mg-Air batteries: from a selection of alloying elements along with the production processes method, anode geometry (solid or porous), and electrolyte chemistry modification with a view to the application.

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7. Work plan and Gantt

#	Task	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	21-24	25-30	31-36
1	Preparation of raw material: new Mg alloys (alloying with different elements)	X									
2	Production the Mg anodes: Three different processes (casting, extrusion and porous structure)	X	X	X							
3	Characterization the microstructure of the Mg-anodes: Optical and electronic microscopy, XRD.		X	X	X						
4	Characterization of the electrochemical behavior of the Mg-anodes: Electrochemical test – AC and DC polarization, hydrogen evaluation test, surface morphologies		X	X	X	X					

5	Characterization the discharge performance of Mg-anodes				X	X	X			
6	Selecting the optimal performing alloy for the required application							X		
7	Design and manufacturing of one battery cell: Cathode selection, anode geometry, solution volume and distance between battery components							X	X	
8	Effect of electrolyte additives on anode response and battery performance									X
9	Design manufacturing and optimization of Mg-Air battery prototype – stack cells battery									X

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EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.	B.Sc	09/00	Materials Engineering
Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. Materials Engineering	M.Sc	02/03	Corrosion and Electrochemistry of Mg alloys
Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. Materials Engineering	Ph.D	09/08	Corrosion and stress corrosion cracking of New Wrought magnesium alloys
Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.	Post - Doc	09/09	Hydrogen interaction with structural materials

A. Personal Statement

My research work is focused in Materials Engineering – physical metallurgy of Magnesium alloys and corrosion behavior of magnesium alloys as a field of knowledge, and the investigation of physical-chemical phenomena related to interaction of corrosion environment with different magnesium alloys following thermo-mechanical history. On the basis of my scientific achievement, I was awarded a grant, from the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development – GIF young scientists program during 2013.

Due to my extensive research activity, in 2015 I set up my research lab in Ashdod Campus – Advanced Manufacturing & Surface Analysis Lab – that contains all the equipment required to run my research and enabling graduate students to conduct their research. Until now, 8 M.Sc. students from different engineering Department, and one Ph.D. student work in my Lab.

B. Positions and Honors

Since 2013 Senior Lecturer,

Head, Mechanical Engineering Department – Ashdod Campus,

SCE - Sami Shamoon College of Engineering, Beer Sheva & Ashdod Campus, Israel.

C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publication.

- *Y. Templeman, G. Ben-Hamu, L. Meshi, "Friction stir welded AM50 and AZ31 Mg alloys: Microstructural evolution and improved corrosion resistance", *Materials characterization*, 126, (2017), 86-95. [26, I.F=3.562, Q1]
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D. Research Support

Topic	Funded by/ Amount	Year
Effect of the welding parameters on microstructure, mechanical properties and corrosion behavior of dissimilar FSWed joints in aluminum and magnesium alloys sheets	SCE Research Grant,	10/2012 – 9/2013
Corrosion Behavior and Local Potential Measurements with the Scanning Kelvin Probe Force Microscopy	German-Israeli Foundation for scientific research and Development – GIF young scientists program	2013
Experimental study of patient-specific orthopedic implants manufactured by Additive Manufacturing	SCE Research Grant,	10/2015 – 9/2018
Implants base Nitinol	OCON Medical Ltd.	2016
Hydrogen trapping and hydrogen storage of New Mg alloys	SCE Excellent Research Grant,	10/2018 – 9/2021
Hydrogen evaluation rate of salt sludge powders	ICL Group Ltd.	9-12/2020
Characterization of Structural Materials	IDF-IAF	1-12/2021
Engine Project - Materials selection and design for manufacturing	Aeronautics Ltd.	4/2021 – 12/2022
Environmental degradation of AM-fabricated structural alloys	SCE Excellent Research Grant,	10/2021 – 9/2024

Principal Investigator (Last, First, Middle):

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	B.Sc	09/1995	Materials Engineering
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	M.Sc	09/1997	Materials Engineering
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	M.B.A	10/2001	Business Administration
Ben Gurion University of the Negev	Ph.D	10/2002	Materials Engineering

A. Personal Statement (Briefly describe how your experience and qualifies you to undertake the role assigned (e.g., PI, researcher, etc.) in the project proposed in the current application). **Since 2003 my research is focused on magnesium alloys, electrochemistry and corrosion. Since 2004 I'm acting as the Director of the corrosion research center once degradation of magnesium alloys is strongly studied. The current application will focus on battery cells based on the magnesium reaction which is also the basic of my previous work on surface treatments, coatings, in-situ corrosion cells once all of the above will lead our proposed project to high success rate. My background on magnesium alloys manufacturing and development based on corrosion parameters will lead us to define the highest performance for such a magnesium battery. The corrosion center has all the required corrosion facilities to perform the proposed study.**

B. Positions and Honors (List in chronological order previous positions, concluding with the present position. List any honors)

Positions

June/2011- October 2017 Dean The Authority for Research & Development –SCE

June/2011- October 2017 Director , Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center-SCE

Since April/2004 Director, Corrosion Research Center, Nano-Bio & Advanced Materials.-SCE

AMPP -The Association for Materials Protection and Performance

AMPP Board of Directors Vice Chair 2022

AMPP Board of Directors 2020-2021

NACE INTERNATIONAL

European Area Director, 2018-2020

Chair, 2015 -2018

Vice Chair, 2012 -2015

Secretary, 2011- 2012

Treasurer, 2011- 2012

Editor, Corrodia, 2009-2011

Board member at large, 2006-2011

Principal Investigator (Last, First, Middle):

World Corrosion Organization NGO , UN and others
Since 2016- Past President WCO
2013-2016 President WCO

Honors

2018 SRB Excellence Award BioMedD 2018
2013 H.H. Uhlig Award NACE International
2006 General Motors Foundation GM-UMIT Recognition Award
2005 General Motors Foundation GM-UMIT Recognition Award
2003 General Motors Foundation GM-UMIT Recognition Award
2000-2002 Daniel Falkner Foundation, England,

C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications (*List selected peer-reviewed publications or manuscripts in press. Mark the 5 most relevant articles for the research proposal*)
1. P.L. Bonora, M. Andrei, A. Eliezer, E. M. Gutman: DC and AC polarisation study on Magnesium alloys; Influence of the mechanical deformation. *Materials and Corrosion*, 53, no. 7 (2002) 462-470

2. R.M. Wang, A. Eliezer, E. M. Gutman: Microstructures and dislocations in the stressed AZ91D magnesium alloys. *Materials Science and Engineering A* 344(2002) 279-287

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D. Research Support (*List selected ongoing and completed research projects in the past three years in order of relevance to the research proposed in the application*)

Ongoing research

1. Surface protection methods for biomaterials medical devices
2. Corrosion behavior of pipelines and protection