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**Some new trends in the development of  
electrochemical sensors and biosensors**

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## Povzetek:

Nano-sized materials as part of the receptor (recognition layer) of sensors have been exerting an enormous impact on the development of electrochemical sensors leading to a new renaissance in electroanalysis recently. Due to the high surface area often in combination with catalytic effects nanoparticles are extremely suitable modifiers of electrode surfaces resulting in low to ultra-low detection limits and improved analytical performance. Strategies for the development of chemical sensors and biosensors will be shown together with illustrative examples.

Sensors for inorganic analytes have attracted again high interest [1, 2]; in particular nanoparticulate composites may yield good results for the detection of metal ions competitive with mercury electrodes [3]. Organic analytes make up the majority of target species of electrochemical sensors; the analytes can be detected by direct electron transfer, by electrocatalysis [4] or by biosensors.

Biosensors seem particularly interesting, often offering high specificity of the biological entity towards the substrate. Enzyme-based biosensors still constitute the majority of research topics in the sensor literature. Here mainly oxidoreductases are exploited, where wiring of enzymes to obtain direct electron transfer with the active center (third generation oxidase sensors) gets increasingly important [5]. Occasionally hydrolases may assist the detection of analytes (herbicides, pesticides, heavy metals) [6]. Geno- and cytosensors are a rapidly emerging field with promising future.

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