## **News of MRS Members/Materials Researchers**

Peter R. Betzer (College of Marine Science at the University of South Florida) has been appointed to Ocean Renewable Power Company's (ORPC) technical advisory board in April of 2008. He will be advising ORPC in various technical and environmental aspects.

Eckhard Beyer (University of Technology, Dresden, and the Fraunhofer Institute for Material and Beam Technology IWS, Germany) received the 2008 Arthur L. Schawlow Award in Laser Science and Engineering from the Laser Institute of America on June 20, 2008. This award recognizes career-long contributions to basic and applied research in laser science and engineering, leading to fundamental understanding of laser materials interaction and/or transfer of laser technology for increased application in indus-

try, medicine, and daily life.

Louis E. Brus (Columbia University, USA) and Sumio Iijima (Meijo University, Japan) share the Inaugural Kavli Prize in nanoscience, announced in May 2008, for their respective discoveries of colloidal semiconductor nanocrystals and carbon nanotubes. The Kavli Prize is awarded through a partnership between the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, The Kavli Foundation, and the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research.

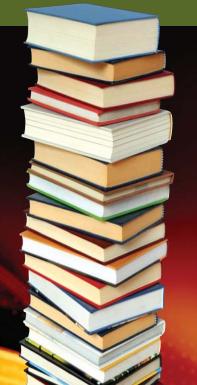
Michael Day (Smithers Rapra) has been promoted to managing director on August 4, 2008. In this role, he will lead the testing, analysis, consultancy, processing, and research activities of the company.

Henning Döscher (Helmoholtz-Center, Berlin) received the inaugural LayTec *In Situ* Monitoring Award for outstanding contribution on "*In situ* quantification of the surface domain structure of thin GaP films grown on Si(100)." Döscher accepted the award together with a check for €1000 at the 2008 banquet of the International Conference on Metalorganic Vapor Phase Epitaxy (ICMOVPE 2008) in Metz, France on June 5.

John Garnett (RadTech, Australia) received the award for Best Technical Paper with his presentation on "Novel UV/EB Curable Flame Retardant Coatings Using Water Compatible Oligomers; Applications of the Coatings Particularly for Recycling Waste Products Such as Banana Tree Trunks," at the RadTech July 2008 Conference, in Chicago.



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