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Advancing materials. Improving the quality of life.

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to the Materials Research Society

MRS is a growing, vibrant, member-driven organization focused on broadening the impact of materials science and improving the quality of life. Our members are research professionals from industry, academia and government from around the world, and they choose MRS because it is important to their work and careers.

You may be familiar with many of the benefits of MRS—a print and electronic subscription to *MRS Bulletin*, subscription to the online journal, *MRS Communications*, access to over 100,000 papers in the *MRS Online Proceedings Library*, access to, and inclusion in, the MRS Online Member Directory, discounted rates for MRS meetings and workshops, to name just a few.

What you might not know is that MRS is expanding its professional development portfolio to better meet your career needs and better serve the materials research community.

These efforts include:

- advocating for increased and sustained funding for the physical sciences
- fostering outreach and science education for policy leaders and the general public
- promoting diversity and inclusion in the scientific workforce
- introducing prestigious new awards
- and collaborating with international partners on bilateral projects.

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MRS Communications offers a rapid but rigorous peer-review process and time to publication with an aggressive production schedule that will bring your article to online publication within a target of 14 days from acceptance.

Leveraging its access to the far-reaching technical expertise of MRS members and leading materials researchers from around the world, the journal boasts an experienced and highly-respected board of Principal Editors and reviewers.

Major article types for *MRS Communications* include:

- Rapid Communications
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- Commentaries
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MRS Bulletin

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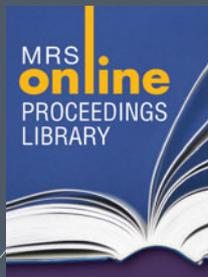
Theme topics for 2012 will include:

- Spectroscopic Imaging in Electron Microscopy
- Resistive Switching Phenomena in Thin Films: Materials, Devices and Applications
- Materials for Stretchable Electronics
- Materials for Sustainable Development
- Three Decades of Many-Body Potentials in Materials Research
- Materials for Neural Interfaces
- Scanning Probes of Local Phenomena in Energy-Related Materials
- Plasmonics
- Thermal Barrier Coatings in Gas-Turbine Engines for Propulsion and Power Generation*
- Graphene*
- Interfacial Materials with Special Wettability*

* Tentative

Don't miss Energy Quarterly (EQ)! Bound within *MRS Bulletin* four times a year, EQ offers news, interviews and analysis of materials solutions to the world's accelerating need for secure, affordable and environmentally sustainable energy.

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The MRS Online Proceedings Library

The *MRS Online Proceedings Library (OPL)*, **FREE to all MRS members**, offers unlimited full-text availability to over 100,000 papers from the well-recognized MRS Symposium Proceedings Series—proceedings published from Volume 1 to the present, with more added daily. The collection also includes many proceedings papers that were never published in print format and are available only online. This massive database is an ideal reference for graduate students, corporate scientists and engineers, and overseas researchers needing access to current information without the lag time of printing and mail delivery.

For our more archivally-minded members, print volumes of the MRS proceedings are available at 15-20% off list price.

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Journal of Materials Research

As an MRS member, you may subscribe to *Journal of Materials Research (JMR)*, one of the foremost archival materials research journals in the world, at a very low member rate. All subscription options include full-text articles from the *Journal's* inception in January 1986 to the current issue.

Look for these **JMR benefits and services**:

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- no author page charges
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- mobile browser accessibility
- reference linking via CrossRef, Google Scholar and OpenURL
- html or pdf format options for all new *JMR* content

In addition, five special focus issues will be featured in 2012: **Instrumented Indentation** in January, **One-Dimensional Micro/Nano Materials** in February, **Plasma and Ion-Beam Assisted Materials Processing** in March, **Advanced Materials for Fuel Cells** in August and **Oxide Semiconductors** in September.

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Materials360® delivers bimonthly “snapshots” of what’s new in the materials research community—the latest research worldwide, professional opportunities, important links and more.

MRS Table-of-Contents Alert delivers advance table-of-contents listings for *MRS Bulletin* and *JMR*.

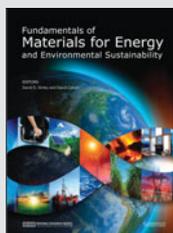
Meeting Scene delivers daily summaries of technical presentations and events by on-the-spot reporters at MRS Spring and Fall Meetings and other special non-MRS conferences.

MRS Public Affairs Alert provides occasional calls-to-action and/or summaries of current public-policy issues affecting the materials science and engineering communities.

Intersections—Materials Research & Science Policy offers a quarterly source of information about the intersection of materials research and government including updates on what’s happening in Washington, DC and within the government affairs activities of MRS.

www.mrs.org/mymrs

NEW Books and Specialty Publications



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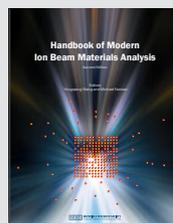
Leading experts from around the world provide comprehensive coverage of each topic, bringing together diverse subject matter by integrating theory with engaging insights. Each chapter includes helpful features to aid understanding, including a historical overview, suggested further

reading and questions for discussion. Every subject is illustrated with full-color images and color-coded sections for easy browsing, making this textbook a complete educational package.

Sections Include:

- Energy and the Environment—The Global Landscape
- Nonrenewable Energy Sources
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Transportation
- Energy Efficiency
- Energy Storage, High-Penetration Renewables and Grid Stabilization

www.mrs.org/energybook



Handbook of Modern Ion Beam Materials Analysis, 2nd Edition

The most comprehensive database on ion beam analysis ever published—revised and updated from the popular handbook published in 1995—the *Handbook of Modern Ion Beam Materials Analysis, 2nd Edition* is a compilation of updated techniques and data for use in the ion beam analysis of materials.

The information presented is unavailable collectively from any other source and places a strong emphasis on practical examples of the analysis techniques as they are applied to common problems.

www.mrs.org/ibh2

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MRS on Social Media

The materials landscape is constantly changing. With new research, awards, publications and conferences announced daily, it's never been more vital to stay up-to-date. MRS makes it easy. Connect with fellow material scientists from around the globe, talk with exhibitors that interest you and share thoughts with MRS staff through our powerful social media channels. Plus, you'll receive exclusive MRS content before anyone else. Visit www.mrs.org/socialmedia today to view all of our social media channels: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Vimeo.

www.mrs.org/socialmedia



MRS Meetings and Workshops

The Materials Research Society has always been the "great meetings Society." In 2012, more than 13,000 members from around the world will attend MRS Meetings and Workshops, expanding their professional network of contacts through the exchange of new ideas and information. As an MRS member, you'll enjoy reduced registration fees for these events.



2012 MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit

Moscone West | San Francisco Marriott Marquis
April 9–13, 2012 • San Francisco, CA, USA

Symposium Clusters:

- Electronics and Photonics
- Materials Science and Materials Chemistry for Energy
- Nanostructured Materials and Devices
- Biological, Biomedical and Bio-Inspired Materials
- General Materials Science

Several symposia are co-sponsored by the Japan Society of Applied Physics.

Note: The preregistration deadline is March 23, 2012

www.mrs.org/spring2012



XXI International Materials Research Congress (IMRC) 2012

Co-organized by the Sociedad Mexicana de Materiales and the Materials Research Society

JW Marriott Cancun Resort & Spa | CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resort
August 13–17, 2012 • Cancun, Mexico

Symposium Topics Include:

- Low Dimensional Bismuth-based Materials
- Novel Characterization Methods for Biological Systems
- Nanostructured Materials and Nanotechnology
- Advanced Structural Materials
- Photovoltaics, Solar Energy Materials and Technologies
- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development

www.mrs.org/imrc2012



2012 MRS Fall Meeting & Exhibit

Hynes Convention Center | Sheraton Boston Hotel
November 26–30, 2012 • Boston, MA, USA

Symposium Clusters:

- Materials for Energy Technologies
- Soft Materials and Biomaterials
- Functional Materials and Nanomaterials
- Structural and Advanced Materials
- Synthesis, Characterization, and Modeling Methods
- General Materials Science

The second annual **E-MRS/MRS Bilateral Conference on Energy** is comprised of the energy-related symposia at the 2012 MRS Fall Meeting.

Note: The abstract deadline is June 19, 2012

www.mrs.org/fall2012

Additional 2012 Events of Interest to MRS Members

Plans are also underway for the following events that are organized, coordinated and/or co-sponsored by the Materials Research Society.

www.mrs.org/other-meetings



2012 New Diamond and Nano Carbons Conference

Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza
San Juan, Puerto Rico
May 20–24, 2012



2012 Electronic Materials Conference

Penn Stater Conference Center
Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, USA
June 20–22, 2012



2012 American Conference on Neutron Scattering

Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center
Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA
June 24–28, 2012



2nd Global Congress on Microwave Energy Applications

Hilton Long Beach
Long Beach, California, USA
July 23–27, 2012

Member Directory

The MRS Online Member Directory is a professional networking service available exclusively to our members. Updated regularly, it is a quick and easy way for you to search for colleagues by name, institution or geographical location.

For 2012, MRS has added individualizing features to the Member Directory. By adding pictures, a short bio and links to your social media profiles, your connections to MRS members will be a personalized experience. Log on today to make sure your account is up to date!

www.mrs.org/member-directory

Career Central

Opportunities for you to expand your career or your company include the MRS Spring and Fall Meeting career centers, the most efficient forums available for pursuing employment or filling materials research positions. In addition, *MRS Bulletin* advertises a wide range of materials-related professional openings in industry, academia, government and research worldwide. Listings are also posted on the MRS Web site each month for convenient online access.

www.mrs.org/career-connections

University Chapters and Sections

University Chapters facilitate discussion between students and faculty and promote student interest in materials science. As a student member, you may network among 65 active Chapters in the U.S., compare notes on recent activities and brainstorm with other students on new projects and issues of common concern. In 2012, MRS will begin to include international Chapters. MRS Sections provide convenient regional forums for the interaction of scientists and engineers in various materials disciplines of particular interest to that community.

www.mrs.org/university-chapters

www.mrs.org/sections

International Collaborations

MRS works closely with other materials organizations around the world and is an Adhering Body of IUMRS (International Union of Materials Research Societies). This collaboration facilitates international cooperation among materials research organizations and helps to advance the multidisciplinary nature of the materials research community. Link directly to IUMRS at www.iumrs.org for general information, a list of officers, publications, and upcoming meeting information.

www.iumrs.org



GAIN RECOGNITION

MRS Awards

The MRS Awards Program acknowledges outstanding contributions to the progress of materials research, honoring those whose work has already impacted the field, as well as those whose work shows great promise for future leadership.

www.mrs.org/awards

The **MRS Fellow** honors members who are notable for their sustained and distinguished contributions to the advancement of materials research worldwide. This designation is highly selective. The maximum number of Fellows that may be appointed in each year is limited to 0.2% of the current total MRS membership. Nominations are due October 1 of each year.

The **Von Hippel Award** is the Materials Research Society's highest honor and recognizes those qualities most prized by materials scientists and engineers—brilliance and originality of intellect, combined with vision that transcends the boundaries of conventional scientific disciplines. Nominations are due April 1 of each year.

The **David Turnbull Lectureship** recognizes the career of a scientist who has made outstanding contributions to understanding materials phenomena and properties through research, writing, and lecturing, as exemplified by the life work of David Turnbull. Nominations are due April 1 of each year.

The **MRS Medal** recognizes an exceptional recent achievement in materials research which is expected to have a major impact on the progress of any materials-related field. Nominations are due April 1 of each year.

The **Innovation in Materials Characterization Award** honors an outstanding advance in materials characterization that notably increases our knowledge of the structure, composition, *in situ* behavior under outside stimulus, electronic, mechanical, or chemical behavior, or other characterization feature, of materials. Nominations are due October 1 of each year.

NEW—The **Mid-Career Researcher Award** recognizes exceptional achievement in materials research made by mid-career professionals. This annual award is intended to honor an individual who is between the ages of 40 and 52 at the time of nomination and has demonstrated notable leadership in the materials field. Nominations are due October 1 of each year.

The **Materials Theory Award** recognizes exceptional advances made by materials theory to the fundamental understanding of the structure and behavior of materials. This award is intended to honor both those who have pioneered the development of a new theoretical approach and those who have used existing approaches to provide significant new insight into materials behavior. Nominations are due April 1 of each year.

The **MRS Outstanding Young Investigator Award** recognizes outstanding, interdisciplinary scientific work in materials research by a young scientist or engineer. The award recipient must also show exceptional promise as a developing leader in the materials area. Nominations are due October 1 of each year.

MRS Graduate Student Awards honor and encourage graduate students whose academic achievements and current materials research display a high order of excellence and distinction. Finalists compete for Gold and Silver Awards at the MRS Spring and Fall Meetings. Applications are due approximately five months preceding each MRS meeting.

Publishing Opportunities

Publishing venues for MRS members include *MRS Communications*, *MRS Bulletin* and *Journal of Materials Research*. To propose a theme topic for *MRS Bulletin*, or for information on guest-editor opportunities, contact the *Bulletin* editor at rao@mrs.org. Authors wishing to submit to *JMR* should visit www.mrs.org/jmr for complete author instructions.

For information about submitting to our newest journal, *MRS Communications*, visit www.mrs.org/mrc. To propose new books or other publications, contact the Principal Development Editor at fleisher@mrs.org.

In addition, the *MRS Online Proceedings Library (OPL)* offers opportunities to publish papers presented at MRS meetings and other scientific and technical meetings.



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Congressional Fellowships



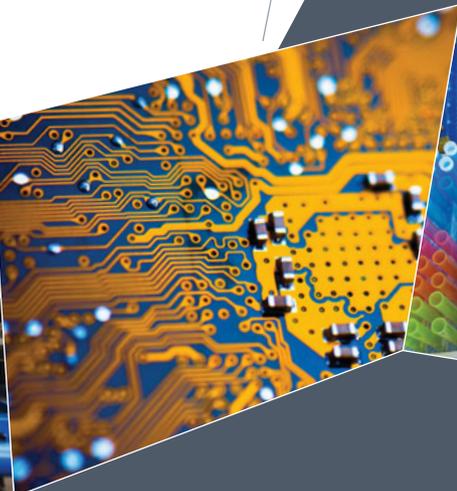
MRS now co-sponsors two Congressional Fellowships:

- MRS/OSA Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship
- MRS/TMS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship

These fellowships provide an invaluable public-policy learning experience to members of MRS or to members of the co-sponsoring societies, and help broaden awareness about the value of scientist and engineer-government interaction among society members and the U.S. federal government.

Each Fellow spends one year (beginning each September) working as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or Congressional Committee. Information and application deadlines may be found online.

www.mrs.org/congressional-fellows



BECOME A VITAL PART



Society Member Volunteers

The tremendous growth and success of our Society is the result of member input and the energetic efforts of many MRS member volunteers. The MRS committees and task forces offer members an invaluable opportunity to participate in, and influence profoundly, the operation of the Society. A restructuring of our governance has now made such volunteer activities even more effective than they have been in the past. If you have an interest in working on any aspect of MRS activity, contact volunteer@mrs.org.

www.mrs.org/get-involved



Strange Matter is a traveling interactive exhibition where users enter the fascinating, practical, occasionally bizarre and often beautiful world of materials science through over a dozen hands-on experiences. Targeting 5th-8th grade students and families, two

versions of the exhibition will tour these major science centers throughout North America in 2012-2013:

- Museum of Science and Industry
Jacksonville, Florida, October 2011—April 2012
- Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center
Mobile, Alabama, June—August 2012
- Hartford, Connecticut, October—December 2012 (tentative)
- ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center
Lake Champlain, Vermont, February—April 2013

MRS members will have opportunities to contribute and/or volunteer their services in each of the museum's local communities. For more information, contact Richard Souza at souza@mrs.org. An interactive Web site (www.strangematterexhibit.com) and a teacher curriculum/activity guide also accompany the exhibit.

The exhibition and its tour are made possible by the National Science Foundation, Dow, Ford Motor Company Fund, Intel Innovation in Education, Rio Tinto Alcan and the 3M Foundation.

www.mrs.org/strangematter



diversity MRS recognizes that scientific and engineering communities must strive to become more inclusive, engaging all demographic groups, and that diversity drives innovation, excellence and new discoveries. To read the MRS Diversity Statement, which was adopted in June 2009, visit www.mrs.org/diversity.

www.mrs.org/diversity

Women in Materials Science and Engineering

MRS members are encouraged to join the Women in Materials Science & Engineering (WMS&E) interest group—an online forum for dialog among women working in, or pursuing education towards, a profession in materials science or engineering. The goal is to share ideas and strategies that may be useful in professional life and to generate ideas for promoting awareness of women's issues to the broad professional community. Subscribe at www.mrs.org/mymrs. Additionally, WMS&E is also the subject of special breakfasts and professional development workshops at both the MRS Spring and Fall Meetings.

www.mrs.org/mymrs



MRS and NOVA, the flagship PBS science documentary series, teamed up to produce a four-part PBS primetime series on materials entitled *MAKING STUFF—Stronger, Smaller, Cleaner, Smarter*. The series, which introduced the fundamental concepts of materials science in a fun and exciting way, premiered in 2011.

MAKING STUFF has an extensive education and outreach program for middle- and high-school youth, families, educators and others interested in science and technology. These educational activities explore materials science and turn “viewers” into active “doers” in the process! To learn more about *MAKING STUFF*, or to find out how you can get involved, visit www.mrs.org/making-stuff.

www.mrs.org/making-stuff



MRS plays a leading role in the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network)—a program created to engage the public in advances in nanoscale research, to capture the imagination of young people

who may subsequently choose careers in nanoscale science and engineering, and to foster new partnerships among research institutions and informal science centers. The NISE Network has selected March 24-April 1 for NanoDays 2012, a national week of community-based educational outreach events to raise public awareness of nanoscale science and engineering and its potential impact on the future. Visit www.nisenet.org to learn more about the NISE Network and NanoDays 2012.

www.mrs.org/NISE

Public Advocacy

MRS strives to contribute to the development of science and technology policy by responding to, and initiating, opportunities to interact nationally and internationally with government officials as well as public and private organizations. Led by the Government Affairs Committee (GAC), these efforts have been far-reaching, consistent and unbiased, building trust and respect with Washington, D.C., both on Capitol Hill and within government agencies. Ultimately, however, the key constituency is you—the MRS member—and GAC is working hard to make your voice heard!

For 2012, MRS will continue to build on its accomplishments—strengthening relationships and building new ones through Congressional visits, establishing itself as a scientific resource for policymakers, extending its relationships with leadership in federal agencies, and collaborating in the U.S. and abroad with sister societies and other advocacy organizations when a larger voice for science is required.

To keep abreast of MRS advocacy efforts, register for INTERSECTIONS—Materials Research & Science Policy, a quarterly electronic newsletter dedicated to strengthening the link between GAC and the MRS members. Log on to www.mrs.org/mymrs to sign up.

www.mrs.org/advocacy



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- Student involvement in MRS University Chapter activities
- Regional forums for interaction through MRS Sections
- Networking with MRS social media
- Personalized profile on the MRS Online Member Directory

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through opportunities exclusive to MRS Members

- The MRS Awards Program, acknowledging outstanding professional contributions made by you and your colleagues. **NEW—Mid-Career Researcher Award**
- Publishing venues including *MRS Communications*, *MRS Bulletin*, *Journal of Materials Research*, and the *MRS Online Proceedings Library*
- MRS/OSA Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship
- MRS/TMS Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship

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of the materials community

- MRS committee volunteer opportunities
- Public outreach and education opportunities including Strange Matter, Women in Materials Science and Engineering, and high school student workshop involvement
- Corporate Affiliation