

Julia Phillips Receives 1996 Woody Award

Julia M. Phillips of Sandia National Laboratories received the 1996 Woody Award from outgoing Materials Research Society president Carl Thompson during the end of Council business at last year's MRS Fall Meeting/ICEM-96. Phillips received the award "in recognition of outstanding service and dedication, on behalf of MRS, as exemplified by Woody White."

Phillips' participation in MRS spans more than a decade of service, from committee involvement to key roles in MRS meetings to her many accomplishments as an officer and ultimately as president of the Society.

As MRS president in 1995, Phillips established far-reaching goals for the Society's betterment. With the help of volunteer dedication, Phillips accomplished these goals. One noteworthy accomplishment from Phillips' tenure was MRS participation in key external meetings—namely, the 2nd International Superconductivity Technology Center (ISTEC)-MRS Workshop on Superconductivity and a symposium cosponsored with the Society for the



Julia Phillips (left) accepts the Woody Award from 1996 MRS President Carl Thompson.

Advancement of Material and Process Engineering (SAMPE) at the 27th International SAMPE Technical Conference. Other MRS goals achieved during Phillips'

1995 presidency include a member survey conducted both by mail and at the Spring Meeting, development of the MRS website, electronic abstract submission, MRS membership in the Federation of Materials Societies (FMS), a joint congressional fellowship program with the Optical Society of America, and the introduction of the Public Affairs Forum department in *MRS Bulletin*. As Immediate Past President, Phillips "sustained a high level of performance," according to Thompson, through her work on the Awards and Long-Range Planning Committees, as well as through her involvement in FMS.

In addition to her participation in MRS meetings as a symposium organizer and meeting chair, Phillips is also the former chair of the Program Committee. Her list of MRS committee involvement includes Corporate Participation (former chair), Membership (former chair), Publications, Program (also Program Development Subcommittee), Awards (Von Hippel Award Subcommittee), Academic Affairs, Continuing Education, External Affairs, Nominating (former chair), Long-Range Planning, and Public Affairs (current chair). Phillips has also served in the roles of councillor and secretary of the Society. She is a principal editor of *Journal of Materials Research*.

In 1984, then MRS president Woody White appointed Phillips to chair the Public Relations and Publicity Working Group. "Julie took something that was a vague, undefined idea and made definitive steps toward publicizing MRS. She was extremely helpful, accomplishing tasks that would have never been completed otherwise," said White. In 1985 Phillips spearheaded the dissemination of news releases and announcements about the Society, instituted the Calendar department for *MRS Bulletin*, and developed brochures for members on various Society activities.

Phillips currently manages the Surface and Sensor Controlled Processes Department at Sandia. The department's research focuses on surface science, optical spectroscopy, and chemometrics to control industrial processes for use in semiconductors and biomedical monitoring.

Phillips stressed the dedication of MRS volunteers and staff as a key to the organization's success, "Although it has grown severalfold in membership since 1984, plenty of opportunities remain for others to make a difference. It has been a privilege, and also a lot of fun, to be involved in the life of the Society over this exciting period in the history of both materials research and MRS." MRS

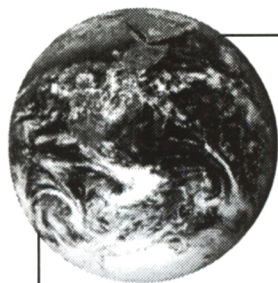
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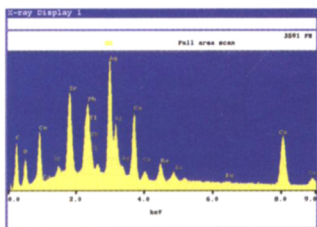
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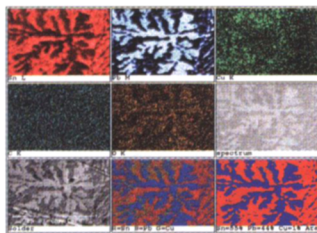


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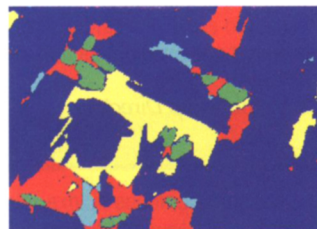
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