### **MRS-I Hosts Seventh Annual General Meeting**

The Bangalore Chapter of MRS-I hosted the Seventh Annual General Meeting of Materials Research Society of India (MRS-I) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, February 1–3, 1996. The meeting was attended by nearly 300 participants representing many institutes, universities, laboratories, and industries.

A. Sridharan, Deputy Director of IISc, while welcoming the members, stated the importance of materials science in all aspects of engineering. S.K. Joshi (JNCASR, New Delhi), President of MRS-I, gave the inaugural address and gave a brief account of his research on various aspects of condensed matter physics, including lattice dynamics, disordered systems, and superconductivity. C.N.R Rao, Founder President of MRS-I, and P. Rama Rao, Past-President of MRS-I, highlighted some of the developments in materials technology which play a major role in society.

MRS-I presented its Distinguished Materials Scientist of the Year Award for 1996 to R. Chidambaram, Chair of the Atomic Energy Commission, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of materials science. Chidambaram delivered the honor lecture entitled, "Future Materials: The Indian Nuclear Perspective." In the lecture he talked about the nuclear technology, its growth, current status, and future programs, with special reference to India.

P. Rama Rao received the second MRS-I-IISc Superconductivity and Materials Science Prize. He delivered a lecture on "An Outline of Research on Material Behavior Using Metals as Model Materials." K.J. Rao (IISc, Bangalore) and J.V. Yakhmi (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay) received the annual MRS-I-ICSC Superconductivity and Materials Science Annual Prizes.

A special feature of the MRS-I meeting in 1996 was an invited lecture by Prof. de Gennes, Nobel Laureate. He lectured on "Principles of Adhesion." This was the first Sir Isaac Newton Lecture of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research and was jointly arranged with IISc and MRS-I.

The technical sessions included 14 lectures by MRS-I medal recipients and 17 talks by guest speakers. A special session addressed the issues concerning functional materials. There were also 165 poster presentations which covered the recent research work carried out by the participants at their institutions. Three posters were selected for best poster prizes.



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### Guest Lectures on Functional Materials

"Functionally Modulated Solid Electrolytes," K.T. Jacob, IISc, Bangalore.

"Magnetic Materials: Present & Future," S.K. Date, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune.

"Bio-Materials," **R. Sivakumar**, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum.

"Integrated Ferroelectrics," **S.B. Krupanidhi**, IISc., Bangalore.

"Functionally Modified Polymer Surfaces," S. Sivaram, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune.

"Recent Trends in the Exploration of Manganese Perovskites with Colossal Magnetoresistance Properties," **B. Raveau**, Crismat-Ismra, France.

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"Materials for Gas Sensors: Some Recent Developments," **Subhash Chandra**, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.

"Nuclear Techniques Applied to Materials Characterization," T. Nagarajan, Madras University, Madras.

"Novel Aspects of Vortices in Superconductors," A.K. Grover, TIFR, Bombay.

"Giant Magnetoresistance in Perovskite Oxides," **Arup Kumar Raychaudhuri**, IISc, Bangalore.

"Development of Superconducting Materials and Magnets," **R.G. Sharma**, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi. "Technological Development of Ceramic Composites," **Vikram Jayaram**, IlSc, Bangalore.

"Strategies for Low-Thermal Expansion Ceramics," **Arun M. Umarji**, IISc, Bangalore.

"Intercalation Chemistry in 3-D Network Structure," **U.V. Varadaraju**, India Institute of Technology, Madras.

"First Principles Studies of Clusters and Cluster Materials," **Vijay Kumar**, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.

"Trends in Rare-Earth Materials Research," E.V. Sampathkumaran, TIFR, Bombay.

"Polymeric Turbulent Drag Reduction: A Materials Science and Engineering Approach," **R.P. Singh**, India Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

"Quantum Wells and Heterostructure of III-V Compound Semiconductors: Metal Organic Vapor Phase Epitaxy and Sprectroscopy," B.M. Arora, TIFR, Bombay.

"Chemical Vapor Deposition of Electronic Materials," **S.A. Shivashankar**, IISc, Bangalore.

"Synthesis and Properties of Silicon-Based Light-Emitting Nanocomposites," K. Vijayamohanan, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune.

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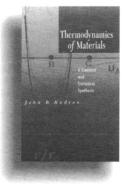
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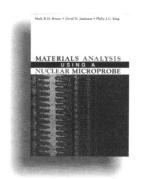
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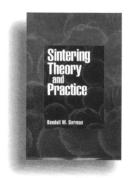


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