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THE INTERNATIONAL
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION
FOR MATERIALS SCIENTISTS
AND ENGINEERS

Welcome to the MRS

The Materials Research Society is the international professional organization of scientists, engineers and technicians who study and work with materials. Its members include specialists from many fields whose efforts transcend classical disciplines. Industrial, governmental and academic laboratories are represented by sizable numbers of MRS members.

Who We Are

In less than a decade the Materials Research Society has grown from an idea into an organization of more than 1,200 individuals and scores of Corporate Sponsors. Every discipline that impinges on materials is represented, notably physics, metallurgy, ceramics and chemistry.

"Materials science" emerged after the Second World War as the pursuit of workers who discovered they had less in common with their former teachers than with their present colleagues, regardless of discipline. The inability of traditional scientific societies to provide the kind of topical, interdisciplinary meetings these workers required led some of them to join together and create the MRS.

Since then, the Society has grown. In recent years it has added its first student chapter and regional groupings outside the United States.

What We Do

The first MRS activity was a scientific meeting, and symposia remain the Society's foremost activities and their intellectual heart. The principal MRS meeting is held annually in November, in Boston. Through the years the number, size and scope of individual conferences conducted under the rubric of the "Boston meeting," as it is known among materials scientists, have expanded.

In 1984, having grown so large it could not be contained by the Boston meeting, the Society planned a second meeting, in Albuquerque. In time, the Society envisions the Albuquerque meeting to become a complementary session to Boston, focused on fewer topics and augmenting or expanding on topics discussed at Boston.

Moreover, the Society aggressively sponsors conferences of interest to its members, by itself or in association with other scientific bodies. These have ranged from phase transformations to optics, and have had a regional focus, such as a recent conference in Europe.

Publications, too, figure prominently in MRS activities. Our series of Proceedings have become standard reference works in many areas of materials science, as their titles, enumerated elsewhere in this flyer, make clear. We also publish an informal *Bulletin*, which contains, in addition to scientific reviews and organizational reports, items about workers and laboratories, career moves, notices of meetings of other societies and similar news.

Recently, the Society fostered the publication of a new letters journal for materials science, named *Materials Letters*. Published by North-Holland scientific publishers of The Netherlands, and with an editorial board representing many distinguished materials scientists from every advanced nation, the journal's Principal Editors are or have been leaders of the MRS. In their sum, these programs for the dissemination of topical, refereed scientific and technical information to the materials science community are the most authoritative and comprehensive in the world.

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