

### MRS Impact Award

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The MRS Impact Award honors outstanding individuals who have displayed excellence in areas of science communication, education, advancing diversity, mentoring, or community engagement, which reflect the Society's pursuit to advance materials science and technology to improve the quality of life.

Each prize consists of a \$5,000 cash prize, an award trophy, a citation certificate, meeting registration fee to attend the MRS Spring Meeting at which the award is presented, and a one-year MRS membership. Reasonable travel and hotel expenses to attend the MRS meeting will be reimbursed. (When a team is recognized, the cash prize will be split equally, but each individual shall receive a trophy and certificate.)

### MRS Woody White Service Award

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The MRS Woody White Service Award honors outstanding individuals who have embodied MRS' Mission, Vision and Values for an egalitarian interdisciplinary community advancing materials science and technology to improve the quality of life. It may be given in recognition of long-term, impactful service to the Society, as well as for special projects/programs that have significantly impacted the Society.

The award consists of a certificate and a lifetime MRS membership, as well as a meeting registration waiver, and a travel stipend to attend the MRS Fall meeting, where the award is presented.

### MRS Bulletin Postdoctoral Publication Prize

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The *MRS Bulletin* Postdoctoral Publication Prize recognizes postdoctoral researchers for their intellectual merit and the impact of their research and scholarship. Candidates should have an interest in scientific publications and/or science writing and communications, and show promise for future scientific contributions in the broad materials field.

The recipient receives \$2,000, his/her profile published in *MRS Bulletin*, a complimentary one-year membership in MRS, an invitation to publish in *MRS Bulletin*, and recognition at the MRS Fall Meeting. Application deadline is 5:00 pm (ET) July 31, 2017.

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## PREVIEW:

# XXVI International Materials Research Congress 2017

August 20–25, 2017, Cancún, Mexico • [www.mrs-mexico.org.mx/imrc2017](http://www.mrs-mexico.org.mx/imrc2017)

The Materials Research Society (MRS) and the Sociedad Mexicana de Materiales (SMM) are excited to be working together to host the International Materials Research Congress (IMRC) held annually in Cancún, Mexico. The XXVI IMRC will be held August 20–25, 2017. The Meeting Chairs are **Sergei V. Kalinin**, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (USA); **Ana María Martínez Vázquez**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Mexico); **Arturo Ponce-Pedraza**, The University of Texas at San Antonio (USA); and **Stoyan K. Smoukov**, University of Cambridge (UK).

The Congress will feature 49 symposia covering nanoscience and nanotechnology; materials for energy applications; soft matter and biomaterials; structural materials; materials characterization; functional materials; materials for electronic, magnetic, and optical devices; and general materials science.

Several tutorials will also be offered to complement the symposium sessions, including Biomaterials for Osseointegrated Implants, Computational Methods in Catalysis and Electronic Structure of Low-Dimension Materials, and Mentoring Young Scientists.

Everyone registered for the meeting may take part in the third NANOMXCN (NANO-Mex-China) on August 19–20: “Mexico-China Workshop on Nano Materials/Science/Technology: Renewable Energy and Environmental Remediation.” The project aims to promote collaboration between Mexico and China, including the Hong Kong SAR.

Plenary speakers at this year's event are Hans Joachim Freund, Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Germany; Stephen J. Pennycook, National University of Singapore, Singapore; Dennis Russell Salahub, University of Calgary, Canada; Orlando Auciello, The University of Texas at Dallas, USA; Angela Belcher,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA; and Alan Lindsay Greer, University of Cambridge, UK.

To promote postgraduate degrees in materials science and engineering and related areas, the Mexican Society of Materials will organize an exhibition with the IMRC. There will also be an exhibit of instrumental products and services in the field of materials science and related topics, with participation from world-renowned companies.

This annual meeting provides an exciting multidisciplinary stage to present new directions in materials research and technology, as well as opportunities to exchange ideas with some of the foremost experts in the field. IMRC has become a leading conference with approximately 1800 attendees from more than 40 countries.

For more information, visit the official IMRC website at [www.mrs-mexico.org.mx/imrc2017](http://www.mrs-mexico.org.mx/imrc2017). □