

IUMRS Delegates Meet in Boston

Agenda Covers International Meetings, Letters Journal, Activities of Adhering Bodies

The International Union of Materials Research Societies met in Boston, December 5, 1991 during the MRS Fall Meeting. Delegates represented all nine Adhering Bodies: AMSC (Australia), C-MRS (China), E-MRS (Europe), MRS (United States), MRS-I (India), MRS-J (Japan), MRS-Korea, MRS-T (Taiwan, China), and Mexican-MRS.

The gathering served to highlight and develop IUMRS-sponsored activities such as international meetings and to investigate international projects such as an IUMRS journal. The meeting also served as a forum to exchange information about materials activities of the Adhering Bodies.

International meetings sponsored by IUMRS were discussed, including the International Conference on Advanced Materials (ICAM) and the International Conference on Electronic Materials (ICEM).

ICEM '92 will join the 1992 E-MRS Spring Meeting in Strasbourg, June 2-5, under the auspices of IUMRS. (See March *MRS Bulletin*, p. 52.) Gou-Chung Chi, representing MRS-T, presented a preliminary proposal to host ICEM '94.

ICAM '91 was held in conjunction with the E-MRS Spring Meeting. MRS-Japan will host the 1993 ICAM, which will be held in Tokyo, August 31-September 4. (See March *MRS Bulletin*, p. 53.)

Zhang Ruisheng, from C-MRS, described preliminary discussions supporting an annual Asian conference to include participation by materials-related societies in Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, China. Shigeyuki Sōmiya reminded attendees that the Third International Conference on Radioactive Waste Management would be held in Japan in 1994.

IUMRS is actively considering publication of a letters journal. The aim would be to provide a prestigious, rapid, and low cost (massive circulation) journal. Two preliminary proposals from publishers were presented at the meeting. A publication commission will be appointed to explore the letters journal further.

Elections to fill the positions of vice president (now held by Paul Siffert) and secretary (now held by Rodney Ewing) are scheduled for later this year, with results expected to be announced by mid-September. The current vice president, Paul Siffert, will automatically become

president and the current president, R.P.H. Chang, will become past president. Shigeyuki Sōmiya will continue as treasurer for one more year. Positions are held for two years.

The Australian Materials Science Committee (AMSC) has been formed as the coordinating body for materials science in Australia. Jim S. Williams reported that the organization, which will be Australia's Adhering Body to IUMRS, had eight national societies represented at its inaugural meeting last June. (See December 1991 *MRS Bulletin*, p. 48.) AMSC is considering holding an interdisciplinary topical meeting in late 1992.

Zhang Ruisheng summarized C-MRS activities. In 1992, C-MRS will co-sponsor the First Pacific Rim Conference on Advanced Materials and Processing (PRICM-1), June 23-27 in Hangzhou and the Third International Conference on Solid State and Integrated Circuit Technology, October 18-24 in Beijing. C-MRS will also hold a workshop on Advanced Materials for Automobiles in Hode Province this month. The C-MRS annual meeting in December in Guangzhou will include five symposia. Ruisheng also reported on the formation of the Chinese Committee of IUMRS (CC-IUMRS), which is designed to provide representation for the many technical societies in China that want to cooperate with IUMRS. Hengde Li was elected president of CC-IUMRS. (See November 1991 *MRS Bulletin* p. 70.)

E-MRS President Bernd Stritzker reported on 1991 E-MRS activities, which included two technical meetings—the Spring Meeting held in conjunction with ICAM and the Fall Meeting, which incorporated the 15th International Symposium on the Scientific Basis for Nuclear Waste Management. The 1992 E-MRS Spring Meeting, to be held in Strasbourg, will share a venue with ICEM '92. The 1992 E-MRS Fall Meeting will include the 3rd East-West Conference on Materials and Processing, organized with MAT-TECH and co-sponsored by the Federation of European Materials Societies. E-MRS has started a newsletter which will be printed and distributed quarterly by Elsevier. Two issues were published in 1991.

Jim Roberto, representing MRS, welcomed the other delegates to the 1991 MRS Fall Meeting and briefly described MRS activities including its two major annual

meetings and publication of *Journal of Materials Research* and *MRS Bulletin*.

S. Varadarajan reported on the 1991 activities of MRS-I. This society holds an annual meeting in February with 500-600 attendees and has established many regional chapters. The society publishes the *Bulletin of Materials Science* with the Indian Academy of Sciences and the *MRS-I Newsletter*. MRS-I has over 450 ordinary members and about 200 life members.

Masao Doyama reported on the 1991 activities of MRS-Japan. The society has about 150 members, 50 corporate sponsors, and it publishes the bi-monthly newsletter, *MRS-J News*. The two-day 1990 Annual Meeting had an attendance of about 150 and covered advanced materials and ceramics. The 1991 annual meeting took place December 12-13 in Kawasaki, Japan, and covered advanced materials, ceramic actuators, and computer applications to materials science. (See March 1992 *MRS Bulletin*, p. 52.)

MRS-Korea, represented by Jong-Wan Park, held its first conference in November 1991, featuring more than 100 papers featured and a 30-company equipment exhibit. (See February 1992 *MRS Bulletin*, p. 59.) The 1992 Spring MRS-Korea Conference will be held in Daejeon in May. Membership in the society, currently about 300, is expected to double by the end of 1992. The society publishes the bi-monthly *Korean Journal of Materials Research*.

Miguel Jose Yacamán, president of the 400-member Mexican-MRS, reported that Mexican-MRS will participate in the organization of the First International Conference on Nanostructural Materials to be held in Cancun, Mexico, September 21-25, 1992. (See December 1991 *MRS Bulletin*, p. 48.) The first national meeting of Mexican-MRS was held in April 1991. To date, the society has also organized five technical courses held in different towns and has formed an electron microscopy section. Yacamán also reported that preliminary steps are being taken in Costa Rica and Venezuela to initiate MRS-style activities.

The next IUMRS meeting will take place in Strasbourg, France, in June 1992 during the ICEM '92 Conference.

