

Merrilea Mayo Receives 2005 MRS Woody Award



Merrilea Mayo, 2005 MRS Woody Award recipient, holds her award while contributing to the MRS Entrepreneurship Challenge forum that convened during the 2005 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston.

The Materials Research Society Woody Award is presented every year in recognition of the contributions and dedication of an MRS volunteer. The award is named for Woody White, whose commitment and accomplishments over many years made him a byword in the materials community.

I had the singular pleasure of presenting the 2005 Woody Award to Merrilea Mayo of the U.S. National Academies. Over recent years, Merrilea has volunteered in practically every major role available in MRS, and she has also had a central involvement in almost every activity that the Society has undertaken. She has been a Materials Research Society/Optical Society of America Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow, working in Sen. Joseph Lieberman's office. She has served on the Long-Range Planning Committee, the External Affairs Committee, and the Program Planning Committee. She has been a symposium organizer and a meeting chair. She has been an MRS councilor, treasurer, and vice president, then president. During all this time, she has shown an extraordinary level of focus and commitment that has allowed her to play a key role in some of MRS's most critical initiatives.

Among her other notable achievements, Merrilea gave the Society a permanent home as she played a leading role in establishing MRS headquarters in its new building. She was a member of the Building Task Force that devised and executed the move. Merrilea helped give MRS its most successful ever outreach activity, the interactive science exhibition now known as *Strange Matter*. She played a key part in getting *Strange Matter* launched, including one famous flight that she took in the teeth of a snowstorm to secure the financial support that got the program off the ground. She also helped to firmly plant MRS in its current role in U.S. government affairs. She has been involved in science policy from her days as a congressional fellow and continues to help frame the Society's stance on U.S. policy issues ranging from funding to visas.

It gave me great pleasure to recognize Merrilea Mayo's achievements with the 2005 Woody Award—an immensely well-deserved recognition of contributions that continue to provide the Society with enormous value. May the fun continue.

DAVID J. EAGLESHAM
2006 Immediate Past President

MRS Invites Nominations for the Von Hippel Award, Turnbull Lectureship, and MRS Medal

The Materials Research Society is seeking nominations for the Von Hippel Award, the Turnbull Lectureship, and the MRS Medal. The deadline for nominations is **June 1, 2006**. These awards will be presented at the 2006 MRS Fall Meeting, November 27–December 1, in Boston.

The MRS awards program recognizes outstanding contributors to the progress of materials research. Nomination forms and details about eligibility and nomination criteria are available from the Materials Research Society, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7573, USA; tel. 724-779-3003, fax 724-779-8313, and the MRS Web site at www.mrs.org.

Von Hippel Award Acknowledges Outstanding Interdisciplinary Work in Materials Research

The Von Hippel Award, first presented to Arthur R. von Hippel, whose interdisciplinary and pioneering research typified the spirit of the award, is the Society's

highest honor. The recipient is recognized for brilliance and originality of intellect, combined with vision that transcends the boundaries of conventional scientific disciplines. The award includes a \$10,000 cash prize, honorary membership in MRS, and a unique trophy—a mounted ruby laser crystal, symbolizing the many-faceted nature of materials research.

Turnbull Lectureship Honors Career of an Outstanding Researcher and Communicator

The David Turnbull Lectureship recognizes the career of a scientist who has made outstanding contributions to understanding materials phenomena and properties through research, writing, and lecturing, as exemplified by the life work of David Turnbull. While honoring the accomplishments of the recipient, the Turnbull Lectureship is intended to support and enrich the materials research community.

The recipient will give a technical lecture of broad appeal at a designated session of the 2006 MRS Fall Meeting. The Turnbull Lecturer will receive a \$5,000 honorarium and a citation plaque, along with a travel allowance for speaking engagements throughout the year.

MRS Medal Recognizes Recent Discovery or Advancement in Materials Science

The MRS Medal offers public and professional recognition of an exceptional achievement by an individual in materials research. The Medal is awarded for a specific outstanding recent discovery or advancement that is expected to have a major impact on the progress of any materials-related field.

The award consists of a \$5,000 cash prize, an engraved and mounted medal, and a citation certificate. 