

MRS Establishes Affiliated Organization Program

Goal is to Foster Closer Interactions with Specialized Groups

The Materials Research Society has announced a new program designed to facilitate interactions between MRS and other technical or educational groups with mutual materials interests. Developed by the MRS External Affairs Subcommittee on Domestic Activities and approved by MRS Council at its last fall meeting, the program establishes a category titled "Affiliated Organization" for groups participating in the program.

"The purpose of MRS," states Gordon Pike, one of the architects of the program, "is to provide a comprehensive forum for the description and discussion of forefront materials research in many topical areas by deliberately integrating the work from multiple disciplines and fields of specialization. And to do this effectively," he points out, "the Society has been searching for ways to foster interaction with pertinent communities."

"We also recognize that specialized organizations may have a desire to be in communication with broader organizations in

materials, such as MRS," says Pike. "The Affiliated Organization category has been established as a mechanism to accomplish fruitful exchanges of information and co-operation between MRS and these specialized groups."

The Affiliated Organization program recognizes that many kinds of groups exist which would benefit from participation. Sometimes these organizations take the form of periodic meetings propagated by a continuing steering committee. In other cases, the more formal structure of a membership society has been adopted to provide more extensive services or activities. And still other associations exist to advance regional affinities or interests in broad related subjects such as materials education.

Both MRS and the Affiliated Organizations will benefit from the exchange of information about meetings, publications, and special projects. In some cases, additional cooperative activities may eventually develop through the affiliation, involving

such areas as publications, symposia, short courses, or headquarters administrative assistance.

MRS invites organizations to consider participating as an MRS Affiliated Organization. This category is open to nonprofit organizations which are active primarily in the United States or which have an international character but hold technical meetings periodically in the United States. Eligible organizations must currently have activities in the areas of materials research or education and must have demonstrated a continuing organizational structure over a period of at least three years.

Organizations incur no cost to affiliate. "All they need to bring with them," Pike emphasizes, "is a desire to improve communications."

For further details, representatives of interested groups are encouraged to contact Gordon Pike at Sandia National Laboratories, Division 1815, P.O. Box 5800, Albuquerque, NM 87185; telephone (505) 844-7562.



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- A subscription to *Journal of Materials Research*, an archival interdisciplinary journal which is the official journal of the Materials Research Society.
- A subscription to the *MRS Bulletin*, a monthly news publication which contains summaries of Society symposia, news of Society members, announcements of meetings and other activities of interest to members, reports about developments in research and industry, and editorial and feature articles covering research and policy matters affecting the materials community.
- Call for papers and preliminary program booklets for both the Spring and Fall meetings.
- A listing in and copy of the MRS Membership Directory.
- MRS symposium proceedings at discounts of 15-25%. Reduced rates for publications from other scientific organizations and publishers, including the American Institute of Physics.
- Voting rights in the annual election of MRS Officers and Councillors.