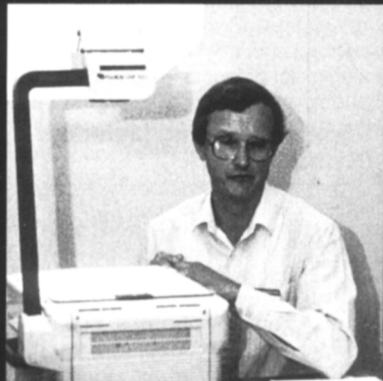


IUMRS Delegates meet in TOKYO

Jim Williams speaks for A-MRS.



S. Thomas Picraux addresses the General Assembly on behalf of MRS.



C.N.R. Rao (left) of MRS-I and H.D. Li of C-MRS listen to presentations by delegates.



M.C. Chon talks about MRS-K.

The General Assembly of the International Union of Materials Research Societies met in Tokyo, September 1, during the International Conference on Advanced Materials (ICAM'93). Paul Siffert, IUMRS president, opened the General Assembly meeting. Following introductions, delegates reported on activities of all the Adhering Bodies and discussed upcoming IUMRS-sponsored meetings and plans.

The IUMRS-sponsored International Conference on Electronic Materials (ICEM'94) will be hosted by the Materials Research Society of Taiwan, December 19-22, 1994 in Hsinchu. It will be held in conjunction with the International Conference in Asia (IUMRS-ICA'94). An exhibition and 10 symposia are planned. (See the August 1993 *MRS Bulletin*, p. 63.)



delegates to General Assembly meetings, the IUMRS lectureship, and new initiatives were considered.

Mechanisms to sustain strong communication among the Adhering Bodies were discussed, including an electronic materials information system using Internet, an International Materials Institute, a Materials Foundation, and an IUMRS Advisory Board. Nominations received for the Advisory Board were accepted, and additional names were requested.

It was agreed that essential qualifications for membership in IUMRS include that applicants (1) explicitly state the geographical area to be represented, (2) have organized a meeting based on the interdisciplinary MRS format, (3) have a

written constitution and officers approved and elected by the membership, and (4) show evidence of financial viability.

Adhering Body Activities

Masao Doyama, president of the Materials Research Society of Japan, reported on the July 1993 MRS-J Summer Meeting for which 2,000 abstracts were accepted and 2,000 people attended. MRS-J also hosted ICAM'93 in Tokyo. (See ICAM'93 report in this issue.)

European Materials Research Society president P.A. Glasow reported that the 3rd European East-West Conference and Exhibition on Materials and Processes to

be held with the E-MRS Fall Meeting (November 3-6, 1992) gathered 1,500 participants. The E-MRS Spring Meeting (May 4-7, 1993 in Strasbourg) drew 700 attendees to eight symposia. Other

scheduled events included the 4th European East/West Conference and Exhibition to be held together with the 1993 E-MRS Fall Meeting (October 17-21, St. Petersburg, Russia) and the 1994 E-MRS Spring Meeting now scheduled for May 24-27. E-MRS prepared two reports for the European Commission: "What are the Job Qualifications in Material Science Needed in the Year 2000" and "Material R&D in Central Europe."

As reported by delegate T.P. Perng, the annual meeting of the Materials Research Society of Taiwan was held April 24-26, 1993, and 346 papers were presented.

MRS-T membership now stands at 1,043. MRS-T held the 2nd Symposium on Fracture Science, and along with National Tsing Hua University co-sponsored the 7th Symposium on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials. MRS-T will host ICEM'94 in Hsinchu, Taiwan. MRS-T's *Chinese Journal of Materials Science* was selected by the Ministry of Education as the best journal of the year. MRS-T has raised funds for publication of *Materials Chemistry and Physics* and they have also purchased a permanent office.

Materials Research Society president Tom Picraux described the 1992 Fall and 1993 Spring Meetings with attendance of 3,900 and 2,400, respectively. Membership is expected to reach 11,500 by the end of

C.N.R. Rao of the Materials Research Society of India reported that MRS-I has 470 life members and 429 ordinary members. During the 4th Annual General Meeting (Thiruvananthapuram, February 9-11, 1993) MRS-I President P. Rama Rao focused on the liberalization of the Indian economy and its integration with global activity. The Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council has identified MRS-I as a nodal agency for developing a database for nonferrous materials.

The databank presently consists of 600 technology

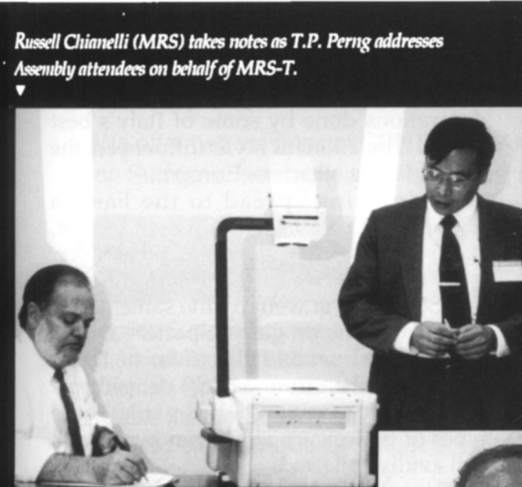
reported that 1993 membership of about 650 showed significant growth over the 1992 figure of 500. About 300 persons attended the 1992 Fall Meeting (November 24-25 in Seoul) and about the same number attended the 1993 Spring Meeting held at Chungnam National University in Taejon. The 1993 MRS-K Fall Meeting was scheduled for November 19-20, 1993 at Yonsei University, Seoul. The 2nd Joint MRS-Mexico/MRS-Korea Symposium on Advanced Materials was scheduled for December 6-10, 1993, Monterrey, Mexico. MRS-K is sending its bimonthly publication, *Korean Journal of Materials* to each Adhering Body to promote technological interchange.



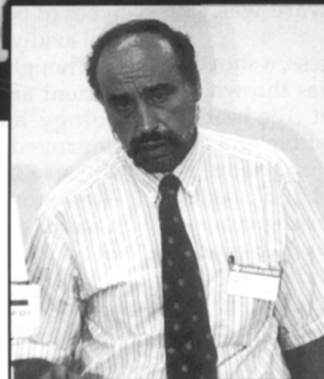
R.P.H. Chang, immediate past president of IUMRS, reports on future plans.



P.A. Glasow of E-MRS describes European activities to the General Assembly.



Russell Chinnelli (MRS) takes notes as T.P. Perng addresses Assembly attendees on behalf of MRS-T.



M.J. Yacamán explains plans for M-MRS meetings.

Assembly delegates chat during a break. Left to right: C.W. White (MRS), R.C. Ewing (IUMRS secretary), P. Siffert (IUMRS president), and G. Crean (E-MRS).



1993. Special projects in the works include the development of a database on materials researchers and an effort to examine the role of materials in described recent presentations to science diplomats in Washington, DC.

Jim S. Williams of the Australian Materials Research Society reported that the first A-MRS sponsored meeting (Canberra, February 1993) on ion beam modification attracted 55 participants representing four of the Australian scientific societies affiliated with A-MRS. A second A-MRS sponsored meeting is scheduled for December 1993 on Compound Optoelectronic Materials and Devices. A-MRS's top priority will be co-sponsorship of meetings by its affiliated societies in interdisciplinary areas. A-MRS will co-sponsor the Ion Beam Modification of Materials (IBMM) meeting in Canberra in February 1995.

records. The Society's first membership directory appeared last June.

H.D. Li, president of the Chinese Materials Research Society, reported that C-MRS was hosting IUMRS-ICA, September 6-10, 1993 immediately following ICAM'93. C-MRS also planned a conference (November 17-18, 1993 in Beijing) on Phase Transformations and Solidification. C-MRS will jointly publish two bimonthly journals, the *Journal of Materials Science and Technology* and the *Journal of Research of Materials* beginning in 1994. There are now two local sections, Tianjin and Shanghai.

Min Che Chon, president of the Materials Research Society of Korea,

M-MRS president M.J. Yacamán announced the 3rd National Meeting of M-MRS, September 1993. Participation by northern Latin American countries was expected. M-MRS was also anticipating the second joint meeting with MRS-K. Mexico's President Salinas commissioned a study by M-MRS (due by the end of 1993) of the types of materials that will be important to Mexico. A symposium, Materials Issues for Archaeology, will be held in March 1994 in Cancun in cooperation with MRS. IUMRS co-sponsorship was approved for this meeting.

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