
AROUND AND ABOUT THE MRS

News About MRS People And Programs

MRS Executive Director J.B. Ballance offers this report on organizational matters from the Headquarters Office:

The most vexing problem the Society's headquarters has grappled with is establishing and maintaining accurate membership records, and a mailing list of non-members interested in the Society's activities. One of the first tasks we faced was establishing an in-house means of keeping such records and generating mailing labels on demand. For this purpose, among others, a microcomputer system was installed earlier this year. A large fraction of staff time

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since then has been devoted to systematic debugging of the software and cleaning up the various lists.

At present, membership in the MRS stands at 2258, compared with approximately 1450 in 1983. The records of each member have been reviewed and brought up to date. If members find any type of error in their records or on the address label for mailings they receive, please let us know as soon as possible.

The non-member mailing list now contains about 19,000 entries, which have been preliminarily checked for accuracy. Additional corrections to this list, sent to the headquarters office, would be most welcome.

Additionally, the new headquarters has undertaken the printing and distribution of the announcement materials for the Fall and Spring meetings, which has resulted in considerable savings over the previous procedure. For the 1984 Fall Meeting in Boston, almost 25,000 copies of the Call for Papers/Preliminary Announcement have been distributed. Approximately 4,000 posters describing the meeting have been distributed to major industrial, university, and governmental research laboratories. The preliminary program booklet and the abstracts book will also be prepared and distributed by the headquarters office. Also, the Preliminary Announcement/Call for Papers for the 1985 Spring Meeting in San Francisco has been prepared and will be mailed shortly.

As the result of a recent decision by the Society, we will also undertake the publication of the PROCEEDINGS series of the MRS. Basic plans were worked out among the headquarters, Publications, and Finance committees, and

subsequently the necessary preparations were made so that PROCEEDINGS volumes arising from the Annual Meeting this year will be published by the MRS itself.

Already distributed is a handsome brochure describing the Society and its activities prepared by the Publicity/Public Relations Working Group, chaired by Julia Phillips. Members wishing additional copies—there's a handy membership application in the brochure for recruitment purposes—should contact the headquarters office.

We are also involved in a study of physically upgrading and expanding the MRS BULLETIN itself. We hope to have the new look ready for the Annual Meeting in Boston—so look for it there!

JAGDISH NARAYAN of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a co-chairman of this year's Annual Meeting of the MRS, is taking over the directorship of Materials Sciences at the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina in Research Triangle Park, effective Sept. 1. He also has an appointment as Senior Professor in the Materials Engineering Department of North Carolina State University at Raleigh.



JAGDISH NARAYAN

Jagdish received his Ph.D. from Berkeley in 1971 and, after spending a year at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, joined ORNL, where he presently is leader of the Defects and Interfaces-Electron Microscopy Group in the Solid State Division. He is internationally known for his pioneering contributions in transient-thermal-annealing processes and defects in semiconductors. He has also made outstanding contributions in defect microstructures and physical properties of materials. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has received several awards for his research.

Jagdish has served the MRS in many capacities. In 1980, he was co-chairman of the symposium on defects in semiconductors, and in 1982 was co-chairman of the meeting on laser-solid interactions and transient thermal processing of materials.