

MRS Featured Volunteer

Daryush Ila (left)
Membership Committee



Daryush Ila is director of the Research Institute as well as founding director of the Irradiation Center at Alabama A&M University (AAMU), where he is a professor. He currently chairs the Survey Subcommittee of the Materials Research Society Membership Committee. Ila's contributions as an MRS volunteer also include forming both the AAMU Chapter and Alabama Section of MRS, serving as the first president of the latter; chairing the Membership Committee and various subcommittees; and organizing several MRS Meeting symposia. He is seen here with Kelly Kaufold, volunteer for the Equipment Exhibit at MRS Meetings.

What is your favorite element?
Oxygen and then Rubidium.

What do you read first in MRS Bulletin?
Its cover page. Then Research/Researchers.

What was the last book you read?
Physics of Star Trek. The most recent one was about the materials used for sporting goods.

What inspired you to be a materials researcher?
Its community. It is the most diverse materials community. It has various people from all various disciplines which should make it more dynamic and progressive!

What did you first do as an MRS volunteer?
Faculty advisor of the University Chapter and then served as President of the Alabama Section.

What is your Motto?
Use your various senses and don't let them get blocked by ignorance. Try not

to give up when you are building something useful!!?

If you were not a materials researcher, what would you be?
A physicist.

What common household item do you use in your lab?
Common sense and a lot of soap!!

To contribute to **MRS Featured Volunteer**, send in your responses to the questions to *MRS Bulletin*, 506 Keystone Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7573, USA; fax 724-779-8313; e-mail Bulletin@mrs.org. Include your name, volunteer activity, address, fax, and e-mail.



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2000 MRS SPRING MEETING SYMPOSIA

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| <p>A: Amorphous and Heterogeneous Silicon Thin Films—2000
B: Si Front-End Processing—Physics and Technology of Dopant-Defect Interactions II
C: Gate Stack and Silicide Issues in Silicon Processing
D: Materials, Technology, and Reliability for Advanced Interconnects and Low-k Dielectrics
E: Fundamentals and Materials Issues in Chemical-Mechanical Polishing of Materials
F: Magnetic Materials, Structures, and Processing for Information Storage
G: Polycrystalline Metal and Magnetic Thin Films
H: Corrosion of Metals and Alloys
I: New Methods, Mechanisms, and Models of Vapor Deposition
J: Laser-Solid Interactions for Materials Processing
K: Morphological and Compositional Evolution of Heteroepitaxial Semiconductor Thin Films
L: Recent Developments in Oxide and Metal Epitaxy—Theory and Experiment
M: Morphology and Dynamics of Crystal Surfaces in Complex Molecular Systems
N: Materials for Separations in Analytical Chemistry
O: Materials Computation—Progress Towards Technological Impact
P: Multiscale Modeling of Organic Materials</p> | <p>Q: Flat-Panel Display Materials
R: Electron-Emissive Materials and Vacuum Microelectronics
S: Electrically Active Polymers
T: Wide-Bandgap Electronic Devices
U: Materials Science of Novel Oxide-Based Electronics
V: Materials Development for Direct Write Technologies
W: Combinatorial Chemistry and Materials Science
X: Frontiers of Materials Research
Y: Solid Freeform and Additive Fabrication III
Z: Thermoelectric Materials 2000—The Next-Generation Materials for Small-Scale Refrigeration and Power-Generation Applications
AA: Millimeter-/Submillimeter-Wave Technology—Materials, Devices, and Diagnostics
BB: The Granular State
CC: Hybrid Organic/Inorganic Materials
DD: Interfacial Aspects of Soft Biomaterials
EE: Nanostructures in Polymers
FF: Interfaces, Adhesion, and Processing in Polymer Systems
GG: When Materials Matter—Analyzing, Predicting, and Preventing Disasters
HH: Materials Science and Engineering Education in the New Millennium</p> |
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2000 MRS SPRING MEETING ACTIVITIES

- SYMPOSIUM TUTORIAL PROGRAM
- EXHIBIT
- PUBLICATIONS DESK
- SYMPOSIUM ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES
- EMPLOYMENT CENTER

The 2000 MRS Spring Meeting will serve as a key forum for discussion of interdisciplinary leading-edge materials research from around the world.

Various meeting formats—oral, poster, round-table, forum and workshop sessions—are offered to maximize participation.