

C-MRS Builds on Past Efforts to Form New Society

New Goals and Activities Planned

In China, efforts to foster scientific and organizing activities in materials science began back in 1986, when the first C-MRS conference was held in Chongqing in October. Various multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary conferences in materials research were first organized through the Chinese Joint Committee of Societies of Materials (CJCSM), composed of 27 societies involved in materials research. As early as 1985, plans were that the joint committee would be the first step towards the formation of a new society—C-MRS.

The name "C-MRS" has been used since the inception of this idea, but it was on May 16, 1991, that C-MRS, an independent interdisciplinary society, was formally established in Beijing. Embracing a broad spectrum of professions and scientific fields, 118 C-MRS council members gath-

ered to celebrate the occasion, discuss the society's statutes, and elect officers.

C-MRS is served completely by volunteers who serve the society in their spare time.

A number of immediate tasks have been identified, some already completed:

- To set up an office. The address is C-MRS, 7, Baishiqiao Road, Beijing 100081, China; fax 1-8412889.

- To publish two journals, one in Chinese, one in English. Plans are to co-publish the English journal with another society.

- To organize conferences in 1991. Already in the planning are "Advanced Materials Research for Automobile Applications," April 1992 in Hubei; and the "Annual C-MRS Conference," December 1992 in Guangzhou. C-MRS also plans to co-sponsor and work closely with the Chinese Society of Metals to organize the First Pacific Rim International Conference on Advanced Materials and Processing, June

23-27, 1992 in Hangzhou. (See Calendar listing in this issue.)

- To raise funds so the society will be self-supporting.

Already organized this past February was a Chinese Committee, CC-IUMRS, with Hengde Li as chairman. One of the functions of CC-IUMRS is to coordinate participation of Chinese materials-related societies in activities of the International Union of Materials Societies.

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