

# An Invitation to the Spring Meeting in San Diego

The 1989 MRS Spring Meeting in San Diego to be held April 24-29 promises to be the largest meeting yet on the West Coast. The main focus of the meeting is the 16 technical symposia organized by meeting chairs Robin F.C. Farrow of IBM, Richard W. Siegel of Argonne National Laboratory, and Angelica M. Stacy of the University of California, Berkeley. The chairs have spent over a year preparing this unique meeting. During this period they have selected topics, corresponded with organizers, and worked with the MRS headquarters staff to plan an excellent technical program.

Following the tradition of interdisciplinary programming, the Spring Meeting covers topics from electronic materials, ceramics, and polymers to materials problems of infrastructure important to our nation. The program is designed so that a large portion of the technical presentation is in the form of posters. This format has allowed increased interaction and communication among the participants. For the first time, a workshop on diamond film technology is included in the program to bring together scientists, technologists, and potential investors. The noontime Symposium X, Frontiers of Materials Research, organized by Robert Huggins of Stanford University will provide authoritative reviews by leaders in the field to give nonspecialists an overview of the frontier areas of materials research featured at the meeting.

The Society will host its Graduate Student Awards ceremony as part of the Plenary Session on Wednesday



evening, April 26, to recognize the contributions that outstanding research students will report at the meeting. MRS is proud of its student membership and continues to encourage their participation in the Society. The Plenary Address will be given by Prof. Linus Pauling, who will speak on his research contribution to the world of materials.

As a service to our membership and the materials community at large, MRS

continues to sponsor short courses and equipment exhibits at our meetings. Short Course Manager Vivienne Harwood Mattox, together with the Continuing Education Committee, has planned 15 short courses during the meeting. These courses are designed for active researchers going into a new field or for those who need to learn the state-of-the-art in a certain area of materials research. For the convenience of the attendees the equipment exhibit under the management of Bob Finnegan of AIP will be centrally located on the meeting grounds.

An important part of the meeting is the publication of the Proceedings. With the diligent and concerted efforts of the authors, organizers, referees, and the publications staff under the direction of Gail Oare, the proceedings are expected to be on the shelves of our members soon after the meeting is over.

Many hours of work have gone into the planning of this meeting. Special credits are due to the MRS headquarters staff and their director, John Balance, for making sure that the meeting runs smoothly. Special thanks are also due to the Complete Conference (Marilyn Hauck and Marilyn Bowman) for their part in making the site arrangements for the meeting.

I invite you to read through the Spring Meeting preview published in this issue of the *MRS BULLETIN*, select the areas that interest you most, then join us to discuss them in San Diego.

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