

Short Course Report for 1985

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The year 1985 was significant for the development of the MRS Short Course Program. Continuing a policy of expansion of the program to serve the needs of the MRS membership and materials research community, L. Ralph Dawson prepared a program of 12 short courses which were successfully presented over a period of two days at the 1985 MRS Fall Meeting. Five of the courses were new. For the first time, scholarship applications were invited from graduate students; seven individuals were selected to benefit from this new program.

In the Fall of 1985, an On-Site course program was developed. Two requests from industry for specific course topics to be held on their premises were received and one On-Site program was held in 1985. The On-Site course program is available to all organizations on an instructor-available basis. One of the benefits of the program is that the course content can be tailored to the needs of the requesting organization. In addition when held on-site, significant savings in terms of time and money are realized by the organization. For details

concerning the availability of new and existing courses for this program, organizations should contact the MRS Short Course Manager, Vivienne Harwood Mattox, at (505) 294-9532.

A survey of the MRS membership conducted in the Fall identified some new course topics of interest to the membership. Every effort will be made to introduce some of these suggestions into the expanding course program in 1986. The response from the membership for volunteers to assist in publicizing the course program within their organizations was impressive. This support from the membership will be utilized in 1986 and is greatly appreciated.

Coming in 1986

The five-day course program to be presented in conjunction with the 1986 MRS Spring Meeting in Palo Alto is summarized in this issue. The program consists of 16 courses, nine of which are new. One-, two- and three-day courses are offered, and discounted fees are available on certain

groups of courses which can be taken in sequence. The brochure describing the Spring Meeting courses details who should attend and provides the course description and topical outline for each course day. Copies of the brochure can be obtained by writing or calling MRS Headquarters (telephone 412-367-3003).

In the future, core courses are anticipated which will provide an overview of certain topics. In addition short specialty-type courses will cover specific aspects of the core courses in depth. This approach will be applied to different areas of interest to materials scientists and engineers. A comprehensive curriculum of courses will be developed. Every effort will also be made to arrange for courses to precede or complement an MRS symposium on the same topic at MRS meetings.

Suggestions concerning the MRS Short Course Program are welcomed and should be directed to Vivienne Harwood Mattox at (505) 294-9532.

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ON-SITE SHORT COURSES

conducted at your own facilities or a nearby site

The best way to keep your staff on top of their fields is through an on-going program of continuing education. One of the most efficient, cost-effective methods is to bring experts to your geographical location so that they can teach the latest techniques, discuss the newest research, and talk to your staff about the actual problems that they face daily.

The economic savings of On-Site programs are considerable, both in terms of time and budget. There are no travel fees or hotel costs for your staff, and attendees lose minimal time from their work.

MRS On-Site courses will be adapted to the specific needs of the sponsoring organization and the management will have an opportunity to interact with the instructor to discuss the course emphasis. Written requests from organizations will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. For further details of courses which are available, prices and other information, write or call:

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