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The *MRS Bulletin* 2021 Volume Organizers, appointed by incoming MRS President Matt Copel, will guide the development of theme topics for the 2021 volume year. They are Babu Chalamala (Sandia National Laboratories, USA), Paul Evans (University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA), Takao Someya (The University of Tokyo, Japan), and Haiyan Wang (Purdue University, USA).

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