## **IUMRS Seeks Nominees for 2007 Sōmiya Award on International Collaboration**

The International Union of Materials Research Societies (IUMRS) is seeking nominations for the annual Sōmiya Award, which recognizes research on real materials conducted by a research team whose members are drawn from at least two continents. The submission deadline is April 1, 2007.

Sōmiya Award recipients are selected by the IUMRS Commission on Awards. The recipients receive an award commemorating the occasion and free registration to the annual IUMRS International Conference where they present their work. This year the conference will be held at the 10th IUMRS International Conference on Advanced Materials (IUMRS-ICAM 2007), October 8–13, 2007 in Bangalore, India. The following criteria are used by the Commission on Awards for selection:

- The *team* to be honored must have collaborated *across* at least two continents (e.g. North America, Europe, Asia, or Australia) some time during the last decade.
- The collaborative work must be of the highest quality and well recognized by the international materials community.
- The impact on technology or society is also a major factor.

The IUMRS was established in 1991 as

an international association of technical groups or societies which have an interest in promoting interdisciplinary materials research. The annual Sōmiya Award is named in honor of Shigeyuki Sōmiya, Emeritus Professor of the Tokyo Institute of Technology, and later Dean at Teikyo University of Science and Engineering.

For information about the award and to obtain submission forms, access Web site www.iumrs.org or e-mail to a-muller@northwestern.edu.

