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From the Editors' Desk



Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs) and graphene exhibit outstanding combinations of electrical & mechanical properties for organic materials, and have a huge potential in electrical and electronic applications such as sensors, semiconductor devices, displays, conductors and energy conversion devices. In addition, interest is high as carbon nanotube & graphene have demonstrated mobilities which are magnitudes higher than silicon, meaning that fast switching transistors can be fabricated. The extraordinary electron mobility of graphene holds a great promise for nanoscale electronics and photonics. However, significant challenge still remains to create and control the bandgap in bilayer graphene. The inversion symmetric AB-stacked bilayer graphene is a zero-bandgap semiconductor in its pristine form. Recently, Dr. Y. Zhang & coworkers at University of California, Berkeley observed a widely tunable band gap in bilayer graphene (*Nature* 459, 820-823, 2009). To determine the true bilayer bandgap reliably, they used infrared microspectroscopy. This opens up the possibility of future applications for graphene in digital electronics and in optoelectronics devices such as photodetectors & imaging.

The Twenty First Annual General body meeting will be held at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat. The details of the programme of the meeting are provided in this issue. The editors take this opportunity to wish all the members of MRSI a very happy, prosperous year ahead.



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The MRSI Newsletter is a quarterly update published by the Materials Research Society of India. Members are requested to contribute information of interest to Materials Science community. Members can inform through the Newsletter, recognitions/awards received by them, changes in address, forthcoming events, and any interesting scientific/technological developments in the area of materials. The relevant information should be sent to the following address:

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Awards & Distinctions Conferred on Members



We are happy to report that the following members of Materials Research Society of India have received awards and distinctions shown against their names. MRSI congratulates them.

C N R Rao	(i) Awarded the 'August-Wilhelm-von-Hofmann' Medal, German Chemical Society (ii) First Laureate of the 21 st KHWARIZMI INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE Award by the Iranian Research Organization for Science & Technology (2008)
M Jayabalan	(i) D.Sc Degree for Research Thesis, University of Madras (ii) ISRO Young Scientist Award, Govt of India (2007)
R K Gupta	(i) National Young Metallurgist of the Year Award, Govt. of India (2009) (ii) ISRO Young Scientist Award, Govt. of India (2007)
Amlan J Pal	Elected Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences (2010)
N V Ravikumar	IEI Young Engineers Award (2010)

P.S: Members are requested to communicate to the Editorial office about the Awards, Honours and Distinctions they have received from various agencies.

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF MRSI

The **Twenty First Annual General Body Meeting** of MRSI will be held on **9th February 2010** between **18.00 - 19.00 hrs** at CGET Auditorium, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat.

The Agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

Welcome by the President, MRSI

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting and action thereon

Presentation of the Annual Report for 2009

Report on International links of Materials Research Society of India

MRSI-Publications-Report by the Editor

Award for the Best Paper published in Bulletin of Materials Science

Presentation of the Statement of Accounts for 2009

Election of Honorary Members

Venue for the 22nd AGM, 25th Council Meeting (2011) & 23rd AGM, 26th Council Meeting (2011)

Items from the members

Any other matter

Kindly communicate the details of the AGBM to all the members of MRSI.

**APAM INDIA CHAPTER MEETING AND 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MRSI AND
THEME SYMPOSIUM ON ADVANCED CERAMIC MATERIALS-MONOLITHS TO COMPOSITES
FEBRUARY 9-11, 2010
SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY, VALLABH VIDYANAGAR
GUJARAT**

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 08, 2010		16.45-18.00 hrs	MRSI Council Meeting/Poster Session-I
Venue: Department of Materials Science		18.00-19.00 hrs	MRSI Awards Presentation and Annual General Body Meeting
14.00-16.00 hrs	MRSI AGM Registration	19.00-21.00 hrs	Cultural Programme and Conference Dinner
14.30-15.30 hrs	APAM India Chapter Meeting		
15.30-17.00 hrs	APAM Lectures (2 Nos)		
FEBRUARY 09, 2010		February 10, 2010	
Venue : GCET Auditorium		Venue : MP Patel Auditorium, S P University	
08.30-09.30 hrs	MRSI-AGM Registration	09.00-10.00 hrs	Distinguished Materials Scientist of the Year Award Lecture
09.30-10.00 hrs	Inaugural Session		S K Joshi, NPL, New Delhi
	Chief Guest		Title awaited
	Prof. CNR Rao, Founder President, MRSI	10.00-11.00 hrs	Medal Lecture (ML)
	Presidential Address	ML 9	P R Harikrishna Varma, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram
10.00-11.00 hrs	Dr. T Ramasami, President, MRSI		<i>Bioactive Ceramic Materials for Clinical Applications</i>
	Plenary Lecture – Prof. CNR Rao		P K Biswas, CGCRI, Kolkata
	Title awaited		<i>Synthesis and Study of Multifunctional Sol-Gel Indium Tin Oxide</i>
11.00-11.30 hrs	Tea Break	ML 10	Tea Break
11.30-13.00 hrs	Medal Lectures (ML)	11.00-11.15 hrs	C. N. R. Rao Prize lecture in Advanced Materials
ML 1	S R Barman, UGC-DAE Consortium, Indore	11.15-12.00 hrs	Prof. S. B. Krupanidhi, IISc, Bangalore
	<i>Ferromagnetic Shape Memory Alloys</i>		<i>III-V Compound Semiconductor based Quantum Structures for IR Detection</i>
ML 2	Subhashis Basu Majumder, IIT, Kharagpur	12.00-13.00 hrs	Medal Lectures (ML)
	Title awaited	ML 11	Bharat B Kale, C-MET, Pune
ML 3	D Ramaiah, NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram		<i>Nanostructured materials for visible light induced hydrogen generation: Facile pathways at C-MET</i>
	<i>Functional Molecules for Light Harvesting and Biological Applications</i>	ML 12	D K Aswal, BARC, Mumbai
13.00-14.00 hrs	Lunch	13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30 hrs	Medal Lectures (ML)	14.00-15.30 hrs	MRSI-ICSC Superconductivity and Materials Science Annual Prize Lectures
ML 4	T Gnanasekaran, IGCAR, Kalpakkam		(i) N Kumar, Defence lab, Jodhpur
	<i>Chemistry of high temperature liquid metal coolants</i>		<i>My experiments with conducting Polymers and Nanomaterials for Specific Defence Applications</i>
ML 5	B R Jagirdar, IISc, Bangalore		(ii) O N Srivastava, BHU, Varanasi
	<i>Materials for catalytic hydrogen generation and storage</i>		Title awaited
ML 6	R K Mandal, BHU, Varanasi	15.30-16.00 hrs	Tea Break
	<i>Our recent studies on nanoparticles and nanocomposites</i>		
15.30-15.45 hrs	Tea Break		
15.45-16.45 hrs	Medal Lectures (ML)		
ML 7	P K Khanna, C-MET, Pune		
	<i>Nano-particles, Quantum Dots and Magic-Sized NCs: Nanotechnology via Solution Chemistry</i>		
ML 8	VPS Awana, NPL, New Delhi		
	<i>High Temperature Superconductivity in Feas Based Oxy-Pnictides</i>		

16.00-17.00 hrs ML 13	Medal Lectures (ML) K K Nanda, IISc, Bangalore <i>Nanophosphors in solid state Lighting</i>	FEBRUARY 11, 2010 Venue : M P Patel Auditorium, S P University Theme Symposium : ADVANCED CERAMIC MATERIALS – MONOLITHS TO COMPOSITES																				
ML 14	A K Singh, DMRL, Hyderabad <i>Structure and Properties of B₂ Intermetallic Phase in Ti-A_{1-x} Alloys</i>																					
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1	V Aravindan, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram																					
2	Manu Jaiswal, NUS, Singapore <i>Charge transport in transparent single-wall carbon nanotube networks and devices</i>																					
3	Sarika Mishra, NFDC, Hyderabad																					
4	A K Sahu, Univ. of Madras, Chennai <i>Novel Materials for Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells</i>																					

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March 5-6, 2010, National Conference on Smart, Electronic and Engineering Materials-2010, Dr. Navneet Dabra, Convener and Organizing Secretary, Baba Farid College of Engineering and Technology, Vill: Deon, Muktsar Road, Bathinda 151 001, Punjab, +91-164-2786045 (O), +91-164-2786003 (Fax), Email: seems2010@gmail.com, Website: www.bfcet.com

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