

MRS Spring Meeting Forum Will Address Materials Initiative



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The Advanced Materials and Processing Program initiative in the President's Fiscal Year 1993 budget signals increased recognition by the federal government of the importance of materials research and development for U.S. leadership in advanced technologies. The federal program plan has now been released and key elements are described in the From Washington section of this issue. Implementation of budgetary aspects of the initiative, of course, depends on favorable action by Congress.

We can all be proud of the key roles played by MRS members in development of the 1989 National Research Council report, *Materials Science and Engineering for the 1990s: Maintaining Competitiveness in the Age of Materials*, which was the nucleus for this initiative, and in the followup implementation study, *A National Agenda in Materials Science and Engineering: Implementing the MS&E Report*, published by the MRS in 1991.

A forum on the advanced materials initiative is planned for the upcoming Spring MRS Meeting in San Francisco in late April

to provide attendees with the latest information on participation by major federal research agencies in the initiative. Of particular interest to MRS members will be agencies' plans and programs for enhancing materials research and development in universities, industrial R&D centers, and national laboratories. Also, the forum should provide useful feedback from materials R&D participants to agency managers and other government officials. The forum is scheduled for noon, Thursday, April 30. Details about format and speakers will be included with later meeting information.

As president of MRS, and as an enthusiastic participant in materials research, I am very pleased about the national emphasis on materials which resulted in the advanced materials initiative, and about its promise of increased resources for materials R&D, particularly in synthesis and processing. We will strive to keep the MRS membership up-to-date about the initiative and its implementation through coverage in the *MRS Bulletin* and at MRS meetings.

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