

### North Texas Section Co-Sponsors 9th Annual Symposium on Electronic Materials, Processing and Characterization

The Ninth Annual Symposium on Electronics Materials, Processing, and Characterization will be held at the Richardson Hilton, Richardson, Texas, June 4-5, 1990. For the fifth year the North Texas Materials Characterization Society, the North Texas Section of the Electrochemical Society, and the Texas Chapter of the American Vacuum Society will co-sponsor the symposium. In addition to seven invited presentations by speakers from across the United States, contributed 20-minute talks and posters will be featured in the program. Contributions are being solicited, and the deadline for abstracts is **April 13, 1990**.

Other program highlights will include two student paper awards, an evening tutorial on materials characterization, and a vendor exhibition. For further details, contact M.E. Weber, (214-995-5983) or L.A. Files (214-995-5703), Ninth Annual Symposium, P.O. Box 830914, Richardson, TX 75083-0914.

### Washington-Baltimore Section Holds Inaugural Meeting

A new regional Section of the Materials Research Society, the Washington-Baltimore Section, held its first general meeting on November 20, 1989. The Section's Certificate of Charter was presented to Aaron

Barkatt at the 1989 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston.

At its first meeting, the Section welcomed Debra Kaiser and Lawrence Bennett of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Their presentation, "Flux Pinning in the High-Temperature Superconductors, The Party is Not Over!" covered the correlation between microstructure and magnetic properties in improved superconducting materials.

Following the presentation, Section officers were elected for 1990. They are: Aaron Barkatt, Catholic University of America, president; Albert Feldman, National Institute of Standards and Technology, vice president; Farley Fisher, National Science Foundation, secretary; James Cullen, Naval Surface Warfare Center, treasurer; Hamid Hojaji, Catholic University of America, program chairman; Lourdes Salamanca-Young, University of Maryland, assistant program chairman; and Stephanie Olszowka, Catholic University of America, student representative.

Future meetings, to be held four times a year and possibly in conjunction with other MRS Sections or professional societies, are being planned. Members from the Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia area have already indicated, via a poll taken before the first meeting, their preferences of topics for Section activities. These include (in order of popularity) microstructure, superconductivity, and novel ceramics followed by thin films and coatings, electronic materials, surface processing, and others.

For further information about the activities of the Washington-Baltimore Section, contact: Hamid Hojaji, Catholic University of America, Vitreous State Laboratory, Washington, DC 20064.

### Greater Pittsburgh Area to Establish Section

During the 1989 Fall Meeting in Boston, MRS Council voted to accept a petition to establish the Greater Pittsburgh Section. Representatives will receive their Section Charter during ceremonies at the 1990 Spring Meeting in San Francisco.

Plans are under way to contact all MRS members in the greater Pittsburgh area about the new Section. You are invited to become part of the ground-floor planning for this new MRS Section by contacting either of the following people for information:

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