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Materials Research & Manufacturing Section

Cathy DiPalma, Chair



Members of the Materials Research and Manufacturing Section of the Chemistry Division share information concerning all phases of materials procurement, production, applications, and handling by means of educational activities, cooperative programs, publications, and Section-sponsored events at annual conferences.

Happy New Year and Welcome 2009

I am looking forward to a festive and activity-filled year as SLA celebrates its centennial. "Information to Inspiration: Knowledge & Vision Shaping the Future," the theme of the 2009 conference, not only beckons us to consider the direction of both our profession and our organization as we proceed into the next 100 years, but also resonates as a theme of our country as a whole as we hold this conference in Washington, D.C., site of an historic inauguration in January.

Materials science has always played an important role in innovation; within society as a whole as well as in industry. Materials R&D today and in the future is poised to make significant contributions to the global condition. Those of you working in this field and those supporting researchers in this field know that there are exciting developments taking place related to energy, health and environmental issues, transportation and housing, to name a few. I would like to see this space dedicated, in part, to some of these developments and I encourage you to share your ideas or work experiences in this publication.

I would like to add my own themes of participation and outreach for the MRM group this year. Please

consider involvement in SLA and the Chemistry Division/MRM Section. We are always seeking volunteers and have a lot of fun in the process. Some of you might like to consider participating in a poster session or submitting a paper—there are many ways to make a contribution. In turn, I will do my best to inform you about news and issues for our section and SLA as well. I also hope to have a mid-year activity, time and resources permitting and will try to acquaint myself with as many of you as possible.

Thanks again to Nora Stoecker, Past Chair, who has been a very dedicated, active member and someone who has helped me a great deal as I prepared for this position. Welcome to Jack Bashian, Chair-Elect for 2010. I look forward to working with him and sharing some of my experiences.

I hope to see many of you in Washington, D.C. in June. Check the SLA website for early bird registration and additional information concerning hotel reservations, flight information, etc.

Warm regards,
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The Materials Research & Manufacturing Section of the Chemistry Division Welcomes Its New Members

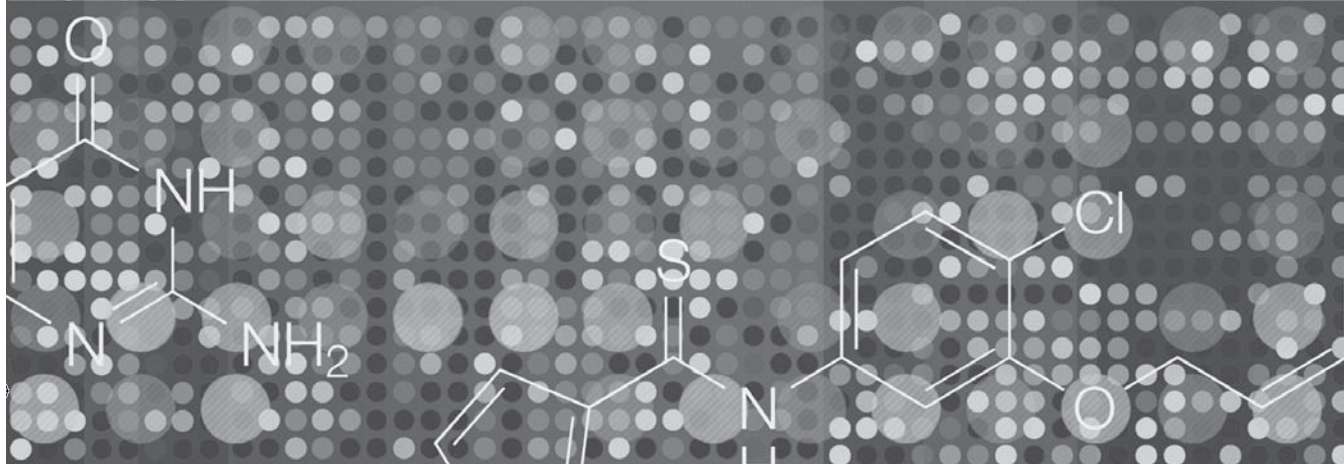
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