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## Materials Research & Manufacturing Section

### Jack Bashian, Chair

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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.

With the New Year already off and running, the MRM Section looks forward to another great year. One of the highlights will undoubtedly be the Annual Conference in June in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The focus of our section's conference session will be "Polymers from Renewable Resources." We are fortunate to have as a presenter one of the leading researchers in this area, Dr. H.N. Cheng, who is with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Southern Regional Research Center. The center is doing a lot of work in renewable resources and is based right in New Orleans.

For those of you who don't know me, I am with Smithers Rapra Publishing and fairly new both to SLA and the MRM Section and very much look forward to working with you during this year.

If any of our MRM members have ideas about programming we can run through the year (e.g., webinars), I invite you to contact me. While we have not run such programs in the past, I am open to try new things this year and encourage everyone's participation.

I would also like to announce that Bing Wang of Georgia Institute of Technology has accepted the position of our MRM Section Program Planner and Chair Elect. Our thanks to Bing!

I'd also like to thank Cathy DiPalma for providing much guidance and support to me as I've moved into this position and I look forward to a successful 2010 for MRM. ❖

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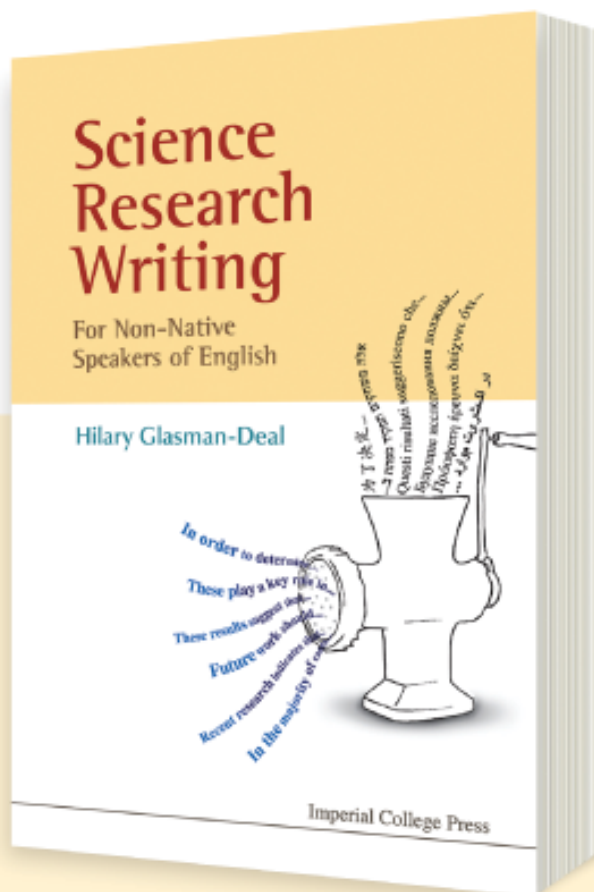
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