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Materials Research & Manufacturing Section

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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.

Happy 2008! I trust you all had a relaxing holiday break and are facing the New Year with high energy! I want to thank Betsy Aldridge for her hard work of the past two years, as chair of the Materials Research and Manufacturing (MRM) Section, and for her continued work on behalf of the section. She is a high-energy person and I'm glad to have met her.

I have three priorities for the Section this year – communications, the strategic plan, and the 2008 conference in Seattle.

I. Communications

MRM Section: I communicate best by e-mail, and that is also the best way to reach me. I'll do my best to keep MRM members informed and involved in Section plans and activities, by utilizing the MRM Section listserv. I believe that you must "opt-in" to the listserv – you're not automatically enrolled. I belong to both, and honestly, you won't get inundated with messages. Please subscribe, as per the instructions on page 56. Additional information about posting messages, unsubscribing, etc. can be found at <http://www.sla.org/content/community/lists/instruction/index.cfm>

II. Strategic Plan

The MRM strategic plan has four goals:

1. Provide channels of communication among members (includes the listservs, *SciTech News* and the online Chemistry Division (DCHE) newsletter notification sent via the DCHE list, and the Section website. Contributors needed.
2. Increase member involvement – develop programs and opportunities other than conference. I'll be soliciting ideas and notices via the DMRM and DCHE lists.
3. Position Section members to meet future

information challenges. Champions needed for this effort. Please contact me.

4. Develop a vision of the profession – includes opportunities for partnering. Champions needed.

I invite all Section members to read the full strategic plan and contact me if you are interested in contributing to one or some of the goals. See <http://units.sla.org/division/dche/mrm/2007/strategicplan.pdf>

III. Seattle 2008: Materials Resources Forum

Planning continues for the MRM section program planned for the 2008 conference in Seattle. We're re-formatting the vendor roundtable concept slightly, calling it the "Materials Resources Forum". Four vendors have accepted our invitation to date. I'm pleased to welcome ASM International, CSA Proquest, Springer, and STN-Fiz Karlsruhe. They'll each have the opportunity to tell us about recent materials-related additions to their offerings.

However, I envision the bulk of the session being devoted to either case-studies or other discussion of the value-add for research librarians and end-user customers. I'll be seeking questions and comments from each of you, to help provide the presenters with discussion guidelines. I'm looking forward to working with you and supporting your interests in 2008. Please contact me at the information below. ❖

Warm regards,
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