

Materials Research Society and AIP found new journal

The American Institute of Physics and the Materials Research Society, an affiliated society of AIP, have launched a new publication, *Journal of Materials Research*. It will appear bimonthly, starting in January-February 1986. It will be wholly owned by the Materials Research Society, and AIP will handle marketing and publishing. Charles B. Duke of Xerox Webster Research Center, where he is Senior Research Fellow and Manager, Theoretical Physics and Chemistry, has agreed to serve as editor-in-chief.

Duke received his PhD in physics from Princeton University in 1963. He worked at General Electric from 1963 to 1969, taught at the University of Illinois (Urbana) from 1969 to 1972, and joined the staff of Xerox Corporation in 1972. In 1973 he was made manager of molecular and organic materials research at Xerox.

The principal editors for *Journal of Materials Research* include at this writing: Walter L. Brown (AT&T Bell Laboratories); Robert W. Cahn (Cambridge University); Mildred S. Dresselhaus (MIT); William E. Johnson (Caltech); E. J. Kramer (Cornell University); F. F. Lange (Rockwell International Science Center); Werner Lutze (Hahn-Meitner Institute); Paul S. Peercy (Sandia National Laboratory); Rustum Roy (Pennsylvania State University); Robert A. Street (Xerox Palo Alto Research Center); Robb Thomson (National Bureau of Standards); David Turnbull (Harvard University); C. W. White (Oak Ridge National Laboratory); John M. White (University of Texas, Austin); C. Grant Willson (IBM Corporation); J. M. Woodall (IBM T. J. Watson Research Center), and Alex Zunger (SERI).

The editors of *Journal of Materials Research* expect it to be the premier international forum for the presentation of both archival and rapid communications on materials research. It will emphasize the development of materials with new and unusual structures or properties, the preparation of such materials by a wide range of processes, the characterization of these materials by advanced analytical techniques, and the construction of predictive theoretical models of their properties. The journal's scope will encompass a broad spectrum of materials systems including biomaterials, catalysts, conductors, electronic materials, energetic materials, insulators, magnetic, optoelectronic, structural and thermal materials, as well as the techniques used to process and reprocess these materials.

Journal of Materials Research will be free for members of the Materials



AIP Director H. William Koch and MRS President Elton N. Kaufmann sign an agreement on 27 June establishing the new materials research journal. Seated at Koch's right is Robert H. Marks, AIP Associate Director for Publications, and at Kaufmann's left is Gail A. Oare, MRS Director of Publications. Charles B. Duke, the editor-in-chief of the new journal, is standing.

Research Society, and it will cost \$250 per year for nonmembers. Individuals who belong to AIP member societies can get the journal for \$45 per year. Different rates apply outside the United States.

Prospective authors can obtain specifications for articles from the Publica-

tions Department, Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Suite 327, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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AIP insists on freedom of information

On 8 July, AIP Director H. William Koch released a public statement from the AIP Governing Board reaffirming the Institute's commitment to the free dissemination of scientific and technical information at conferences and in journals. The statement was developed by the AIP Committee on Public Policy under the chairmanship of Frank E. Jamerson, who is head of the physics department at General Motors Research Laboratories. All of the AIP member societies are represented on the Committee on Public Policy. In recent months, several of them, including The American Physical Society and the Optical Society of America, also have reaffirmed their support for freedom of information. AIP deemed it important to adopt the statement because of incidents in which the Department of Defense has insisted that professional societies restrict access of foreign nationals to certain meeting sessions in which sensitive but not classified material is discussed (PHYSICS TODAY, June 1985, page 55). According to Jamerson, if professional societies agreed to restrict some sensitive but unclassified information, they would turn into "censors" for the Pentagon. In effect, he said, the societies would be put in the position of spending their own money to interpret and enforce government policy, something which is properly the job of DOD or DOE. The full statement follows:

The American Institute of Physics reaffirms its long-standing tradition of open dissemination of scientific and technical information presented at the meetings it sponsors and in the journals it publishes. As reflected in the statement adopted by the AIP Govern-

ing Board on 17 March 1984, the AIP "asserts its belief that all unclassified scientific information should be disseminated freely."

This tradition is in accord with the policy concerning the relationships between the Department of Defense