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From the Editors' Desk

We are very happy to bring out the latest MRSI Newsletter for your kind perusal. We just witnessed the announcement of Nobel prizes in Physiology and Medicine to Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissmann for their work on nucleoside base modifications that led to the development of mRNA vaccines, in Physics to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz and, Anne L'Huillier for their work on attosecond pulses of light and lasers and in Chemistry to Moungi G Bawendi, Louis E Brus, and Alexei I Ekimov for their work on synthesis of quantum dots. All these fields are highly relevant to materials research and allied areas.

On behalf of MRSI, we congratulate all the winners and are excited to see their path breaking work getting the due recognition. In this Newsletter you may find more details on 34th AGM of MRSI and 5th INDIAN MATERIALS CONCLAVE and also other details on the forthcoming events. Happy reading

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Editor

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The MRSI Newsletter is a quarterly update published by the Materials Research Society of India. Members are requested to contribute information of interest to Materials Science community. Members can inform through the Newsletter, recognitions/awards received by them, changes in address, forthcoming events, and any interesting scientific/technological developments in the area of materials. The relevant information should be sent to the following address:

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Awards & Distinctions Conferred on Members

We are happy to report that the following members of Materials Research Society of India have received awards and distinctions shown against their names. MRSI congratulates them.

Dr Sandhya Shenoy U	Associate of The Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore (2023)
Dr Vasundhara Mutta	SERB POWER Fellowship award

P.S: Members are requested to communicate to the Editorial office about the Awards, Honours and Distinctions they have received from various agencies.

STUDENTS' PROJECTS

MRSI would be supporting projects of students doing B.Tech, M.Tech, ME, M.Phil, Ph.D in the area of Materials Science and Technology. The projects should be undertaken under the supervision of a MRSI member. The students can submit their proposals to the MRSI office through email <office@mrsi.org.in> before **October 31st 2023**. After the projects are approved, the students would be supported financially (registration waiver, II class AC train travel and local hospitality) for participating in the AGM of MRSI to present the results of the projects approved.

34th AGM of MRSI and 5th INDIAN MATERIALS CONCLAVE (IndMac)

The 34th Annual General Meeting of MRSI and the 5th Indian Materials Conclave (IndMac) will be held at IIT, BHU, Varanasi during December 12-15, 2023. This meeting is intended to provide a valuable forum for interaction between scientists & technologists working in the area of materials science.

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NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS - 2023

Nobel in Medicine

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2023 was jointly awarded to Katalin Karikó (Szeged University, Szeged, Hungary; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA) and Drew Weissman (enn Institute for RNA Innovations, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA) for their pioneering work in mRNA technology, that led to COVID-19 vaccine development in a short time frame.

Nobel in Physics

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2023 will be equally shared by Pierre Agostini (The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA), Ferenc Krausz (The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA), and Anne L'Huillier (Lund University, Lund, Sweden). This was given for their ground breaking experimental techniques that helped in generating attosecond pulses of light which will help in understanding electron dynamics in matter.

Nobel in Chemistry

For the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots, Mounqi G Bawendi (Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA), Louis E Brus (Columbia University, New York, NY, USA), and Alexei I Ekimov (Nanocrystals Technology Inc., New York, NY, USA) were conferred the 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Each of them will share 1/3 of the prize.

G C JAIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST Ph.D THESIS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE

The Council of MRSI decided to award an annual prize one in each calendar year for the best Ph.D. thesis in the area of Materials Science. The funds for this prize have been raised by the friends and students of Dr. G C Jain. The Guidelines and the Application form are furnished hereunder:

Guidelines

1. The prize will be given each year for the best Ph.D thesis in the broad multi disciplinary field of Materials Science, in disciplines such as Condensed Matter Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Metallurgy, Ceramics and Chemical Engineering.
2. Criteria for Selection
 - Completion of Ph.D thesis from any recognized Indian University/Research Institute/National Laboratory during the calendar years 2022 and 2023 for the current prize.
 - Three recommendation letters should be enclosed including one from the thesis supervisor along with a one-page write-up highlighting the prime results of the thesis.
 - Quality of the work will be judged in the first stage by the Publications, Reports and Patents resulting from the thesis work.
 - The shortlisted theses will be selected after peer reviewing by the committee. Such shortlisted theses work must be presented by the students concerned in oral format at the AGM of MRSI. The final selection will be done at the AGM by a suitably constituted committee.
3. The award will have a cash prize of Rs. 6000/- and a certificate from MRSI.
4. The soft copy of the application in the prescribed format reproduced alongside should be sent by email (office@mrsi.org.in) to the Secretary, MRSI so as to reach him on or before **October 31st, 2023**.

Application Form

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G C Jain Memorial Prize for the Best Ph.D Thesis in Materials Science

1. **Name of the Applicant** :
2. **Address** :
 - Office :
 - Telephone :
 - Email :
3. **Academic Record**
(in brief) (Degree/year of passing/University) :
4. **Title of the Ph.D Thesis:**
 - a) The discipline or subject in which the Ph.D degree was awarded :
 - b) Name of the University/Laboratory/Institute :
where the Ph.D work was carried out
 - c) Name of the Research Supervisor :
 - d) Date of submission of the thesis :
 - e) Date of Award of Ph.D :
 - f) One page write-up of the thesis highlighting the prime results
(to be enclosed) enclosed/not enclosed
5. **Recommendation Letters**
(from the thesis supervisor and 2 other experts)
(to be enclosed) enclosed/not enclosed
6. **List of Publications based on the thesis work**
in Journals, Reports, Conferences, Patents (to be enclosed)
Give Title of the Paper, Authors, Journal, Vol / Page/ Year for Journal Publications
enclosed/not enclosed
7. **Any additional information**

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November 21-24, 2023, International conference on advanced materials, syntheses and characterization 2023, contact : Dr. H. M. Pathan, Convener, Department of Physics, Savitribai Phule Pune University, (Formerly University of Pune) Pune-411007, Tel : 020-25622842, 91-9623459878, Email: pathan@physics.unipune.ac.in

December 11-16, 2023, IUMRS-ICA 2023, Kyoto, Japan, website : <https://mrm2023.jmru.org/>

December 12-15, 2023, 34th AGM and 5th Indian Materials Conclave, contact : Prof. Chandana Rath, School of Materials Science and Technology, IIT (BHU) Varanasi 221 005, Te; 9451058153, 9129113336, Email : mrsi.agm2023@iitbhu.ac.in

January 2024, International conference on functional materials for next generation. Details awaited

February 7-10, 2024, National Physicists' Conclave 2024, Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST , Kattankulathur – 603203, Tamil Nadu, website: <https://npc2024.in>, <https://www.srmist.edu.in/events/npc-2024>

February 26-19, 2024, International conference on advanced functional materials and devices , Website : <https://afmdsrmist2024.in/>

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