

PRESENTATION

In recent years, significant progress has been made in developing collaborations between African countries in materials science and engineering research and education. The NSF/NRF-sponsored workshop held in Pretoria, South Africa, in August of 2000 brought together a number of academic and industrial materials scientists as well as Government scientific representatives from a wide range of countries to discuss potential collaborations in the area of materials science research and education. The workshop resulted in the creation of the African Materials Research Society (*Africa-MRS*) and the organisation of the first International Conference of the African Materials Research Society in Dakar, Senegal, in December of 2002.

The second International Conference of the African Materials Research Society was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in December of 2003, and was attended by more than 180 participants from Algeria, Botswana, Canada, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Portugal, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, USA, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. 138 contributions were presented at this conference covering all aspect of materials research: Infrastructure Materials, Hard Metals, Oxides, Glasses, Optical Properties, Materials Characterisation, Alloys, Applied Materials, Chemistry, Structure Characterisation, Mechanical Properties, Biological Materials, Composites, Steel/Aluminium, and Materials Modelling.

The third International Conference of the African Materials Research Society will be held in Morocco, hosted by the University Hassan II Mohammedia, Faculty of Sciences Ben M'Sik Casablanca, in Marrakech from 7 to 10 December 2005. The aim of the third Africa-MRS-conference is to contribute to the development of materials education, research and industrial manufacturing in Africa. It will be an opportunity for African scientists and their colleagues from all parts of the world to meet, discuss and share their research initiatives and findings, and explore new avenues for stimulating new collaborations

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