

# JMR Abstracts

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Beginning with the January 1992 issue, *Journal of Materials Research* will have a companion: *JMR Abstracts*.

Like the *Journal*, *JMR Abstracts* will be published monthly. However, its purpose is to provide *JMR* readers and the materials science community—through a newsletter format—advance information about research that will appear in upcoming issues of *Journal of Materials Research*. The January issue of *JMR Abstracts* will actually be published and mailed by the first week in December, preceding publication of the January issue of the *Journal* by four to six weeks.

All 1992 members of the Materials Research Society—including student and retired members—will receive 12 issues of *JMR Abstracts* as a membership benefit. Others will be able to subscribe for \$50 annually in the United States and \$60 elsewhere.

In addition to receiving a year's subscription to *JMR Abstracts*, MRS members in 1992 will also receive 12 issues of the *MRS Bulletin*, as they do currently. They will also be eligible to subscribe to *Journal of Materials Research* for \$35 for 12 issues. This differs from 1991, when all regular MRS members are entitled to receive *JMR*, and student and retired members pay \$15 for *JMR* in addition to their membership dues.

### Timely Research Communications a Priority

The plan to introduce *JMR Abstracts* and include it as a benefit of MRS membership is designed with two central objectives: to convey *JMR*'s research information in the most timely, accessible manner possible while ensuring the continued growth of *Journal of Materials Research* as the premier archival materials research journal.

Providing *JMR* readers with timely information about current research has been a priority since the *Journal*'s inception in 1986, according to Editor-in-Chief Walter L. Brown, head of the Thin Film Metal and

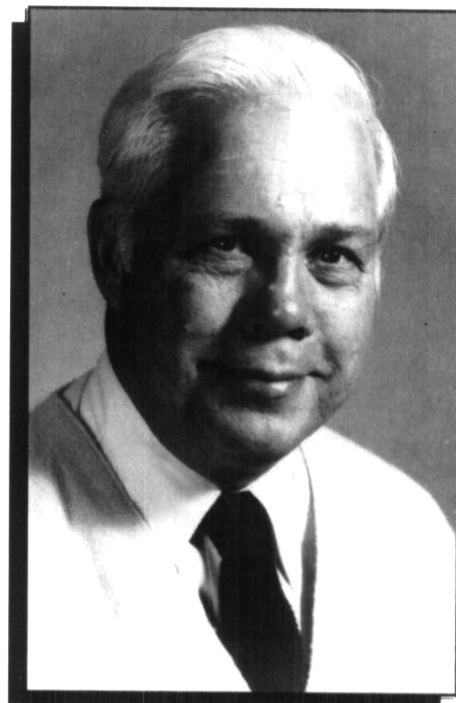
Dielectric Research Department at AT&T Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey. Brown points out that earlier developments in the growth of the *Journal*—for example, the addition of Associate Editors in Europe and Japan and expansion from bi-monthly to monthly publication—also aimed at providing more timely communication.

"*JMR Abstracts* will enable current *Journal* subscribers to obtain early information on upcoming topics which are most important to them," said Brown. "Newcomers, who may be unfamiliar with the *Journal*, will find that *JMR Abstracts* provides an excellent entree to current developments in the materials research field."

"*JMR Abstracts* is not itself a journal," he emphasized, "but it is much more than a table of contents to *JMR*. Scientists and librarians will have the opportunity to examine the topics and scan the abstracts from upcoming articles several weeks before they are actually published. They can then flag articles to be sure they don't miss them when they receive their copies of *JMR*, or, if they don't receive a subscription to *JMR*, they can place an advance order for a single copy or article reprint. The system offers considerable flexibility—for MRS members, individual subscribers, and libraries."

MRS members and others will have an opportunity to see a sample copy of *JMR Abstracts* as early as late August. It will identify topics and provide abstracts to appear in the October issue of *Journal of Materials Research*. *JMR Abstracts*, however, will not commence regular monthly publication until the January 1992 issue.

To request a sample copy, or for further information about *JMR Abstracts* and 1992 MRS membership, circle 100 on the *MRS Bulletin* Reader Service Card, or contact MRS Headquarters, 9800 McKnight Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237 U.S.A.; phone (412) 367-3003; FAX (412) 367-4373.



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Walter L. Brown  
JMR Editor-in-Chief

*JMR Abstracts* and the *MRS Bulletin* will be included as 1992 MRS membership benefits. In 1992, MRS members will be eligible to subscribe to *Journal of Materials Research* for only \$35 for 12 issues.

If you are planning to attend the 1991 MRS Fall Meeting in Boston, you can subscribe to *Journal of Materials Research* when you pre-register for the meeting. See section B on the 1991 Fall Meeting Pre-registration form on p. 56 in this issue.

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