

**Rochester Chapter Solicits Employers for Job Placement at 1995 MRS Spring Meeting**

A grant from the Special Projects Subcommittee of the Materials Research Society enabled the University of Rochester Chapter to manage the Job Placement Services at the 1995 MRS Spring Meeting in San Francisco. The Chapter members who participated were Michal Freedhoff, Karen Moore, Marie Inman and Sujeet Kumar. Anita Alanko, another Chapter member, assisted with on-site operations.

Traditionally, the Spring Meeting Job Placement Services consisted of a message board for employers to communicate with prospective employees. The Chapter members, however, innovated another approach. Through a library search, they located 500 materials research companies in the Bay Area (San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland). The members mailed information, encouraging the companies to participate in the Job Placement Services, soliciting 34 job postings. The members also scheduled interviews between prospective employees and participating companies.

Altogether, the Job Placement Services reported 99 positions advertised by 36 employers, 134 attending applicants, 83

non-attending applicants, and 20 requests by employers to schedule formal interviews.

The graduate students enjoyed planning and operating the program and recommending it to other University Chapters. In addition to organizational and management experiences, the students had the opportunity to talk about their own upcoming career decisions as they spoke with many of the participating employers.

The participating members, through MRS, have published a report in which they compiled a checklist and guidelines of the necessary steps involved in managing the Services. To inquire about this report, or to suggest further modifications in the Job Placement process, contact Membership Services at the Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-6006; phone: 412-367-3004 x402; fax: 412-367-4373; e-mail: info@mrs.org.

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**University Chapter Homepages Available on the Internet**

Currently University Chapters from the University of Illinois at Urbana (<http://stimpy.cen.uiuc.edu:80/soc/mrs/>), Texas A & M University (<http://tamsun.tamu.edu/~qwb0980/>), and the University of

Rochester (<http://www.optics.rochester.edu:8080/MRS/homepage.html>) have homepages on the World Wide Web, and each can also be accessed through the MRS homepage (<http://www.mrs.org/>). Each homepage introduces its respective Chapter and lists information regarding student and faculty members and their areas of research, Chapter officers, and activities. Among the activities described are student seminars, member displays (similar to poster sessions) and outreach programs to local high schools.

The Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana is developing a "Virtual Poster Session" in which members from various Chapters create their individual posters which are then linked. The first page of the link would include a title, brief abstract, a link to the full "Poster," and an e-mail address for the author. Since the project is in its preliminary stages, the Chapter welcomes suggestions and contributions. □

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**University of Minnesota Chapter and the Minnesota Section of the Materials Research Society, the Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society, and the Center for Interfacial Engineering at the University of Minnesota**

*2nd annual continuing education workshop entitled "Processing and Mechanics of Ceramic Composites" to be held September 11, 1995 at the University of Minnesota*

**FEATURED GUEST LECTURERS:**

**Brian Lawn**, National Institute of Standards and Technology  
**John Porter**, Rockwell International Science Center, Thousand Oaks, CA

**TOPICS:**

Laminate, particulate, and fibrous ceramic containing composites

The sponsors hope to continue and expand this workshop to include lecturers and attendees from surrounding states.

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