



Preface

Three decades have passed since the founding of IUMMRS (International Union of Materials Research Societies) in 1991 or even further back to 1984/5 in an original form of an operating committee. At this particular moment of IUMRS's 30th anniversary, this commemorating book is compiled to record its past history and recent status with abundant words, comments from past distinguished leaders, members and volunteers, photos of events, figures, and an in-depth review of IUMRS's evolution.

In brief, this book consists of eight chapters, which are:

1. Introduction on IUMRS structure, officers and governing bodies;
2. IUMRS history. Words from founding scientists, volunteers and those who have substantially dedicated to the development of IUMRS;
3. IUMRS presidents, EC members, GA meeting, and relevant words and reviews;
4. Detailed profiles and development courses of thirteen adhering bodies;
5. IUMRS conferences;
6. IUMRS awards;
7. IUMRS statutes and by-laws;
8. IUMRS Future.

For decades, IUMRS has never deviated from its original mission “...to serve and lead, through research and education, the global materials community in support of a sustainable world by processing and regeneration new materials for all citizens.” Since its founding, IUMRS has seen an expansion of its membership from eight to sixteen from all five continents, and births of a series of International Conferences such as ICEM, ICAM, ICA, WMS, ICYRAM and more regional and international co-organized conferences by member societies, and a variety of awards, publications of world reputation. All have served millions of materials researchers worldwide and in return, contributed to a sustainable and fast development of IUMRS.

IUMRS is now moving into a new phase to meet new demands and to better serve the materials community. This book has served as a review but not an end as IUMRS will continue its role as the most favored and productive global organization in the field of materials.

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Once again. Thank you all.



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