Frontiers of Materials Research: A Decadal Survey

UMC Meeting, March 2018
The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine will conduct:

**Frontiers of Materials Research: A Decadal Survey**

by the request of the **Department of Energy** and the **National Science Foundation**.

The committee's final report will target an audience including the sponsors and other federal agencies that support materials research, science policymakers, and researchers in materials research and other fields.
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The study is led by:

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Statement of Task:

The Academies shall prepare a report that will articulate the status and promising future directions of materials research (MR) in the United States in the context of similar efforts world-wide.

For this assessment, MR will be considered broadly in terms of material type, forms/structure, property, and phenomenon, as well as the full breadth of approaches to MR (e.g., experiment, theory, computation, modeling and simulation, instrument/technique development, synthesis, characterization, etc.).

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Based on those trends, recommend steps NSF and DOE might take to secure progress and to enhance collaboration and coordination of such research support, where appropriate, for identified subfields of MR.
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**TMS 2017** Tuesday, February 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**APS March Meeting 2017**, March 16 from 3:30 - 4:30pm

**MRS Spring Meeting**, April 19, from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**ACerS**, May 22, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**SPIE Optics + Photonics 2017** - 6 - 10 August

**OSA, CLEO** 14 - 19 May 2017

**ACS 254th**, August 20-24, 2017

**AVS 64th** November 1st, 2017

**MRS Fall Meeting 2017**, November 29, 2017: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Virtual Town Hall**, December 12, 2017: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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We plan to brief and have the report to the sponsors in mid- to late-summer, a week to 10 days before it's released to the public.

We also hope to have a half or one day release event, as the report is made available to the public.