

## FOREWORD

This special issue of the Bulletin of Materials Science carries the Proceedings of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Materials Research Society of India, held at the Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad from February 7 to 9, 1994. In his MRSI Honour Lecture Prof. M S Valiathan spoke about "Heparin bonding: Then and now" and touched on several fascinating issues such as materials and blood compatibility, heart-lung bypass systems, oxygenators and the artificial heart valve. A bright chapter in biomaterials in India was unfolded by the Lecturer at this meeting. The twelve Medal Lectures featured in this issue, cover a wide variety of topics such as characterization techniques, crystal growth, semiconductor films, magnetoelectric interactions, superconducting materials, surfactant materials, polymers, biomaterials, corrosion protection, creep and development of aluminium-lithium alloys. They make a strong impression of the high quality of current materials research concerns in Indian laboratories. Six lectures by overseas speakers provided an international perspective to the meeting.

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