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Dear Dr. Salerno,

You have been nominated by symposium organizers to represent symposium EL08: Diamond Functional Devices—From Material to Applications as an Early Career Distinguished Presenter.

“Early Career Distinguished Presenter” is a new title meant to honor you, to provide symposium organizers with a means to highlight where their field stands today, to recognize important individual contributions to their field, and to amplify exciting new directions for the materials research community. Symposium organizers identified two “Early Career Distinguished Presenters” for their symposium, and these speakers will be formally acknowledged on meeting signage and with publication.

Each Early Career Distinguished Presenter will commit to write a [Research Letter or Prospective](#) of the work covered in their talk (oral or poster) for submission to *MRS Communications*. Submissions will be due no later than 60 days after the 2024 MRS Fall Meeting and will undergo peer review. The work will be published in *MRS Communications* under the heading of MRS Early Career Distinguished Presenter and will be highlighted with special recognition in the journal table of contents and in journal promotions. [MRS Communications](#) publishes forward-looking, authoritative assessments on materials research that is impactful, urgent, and of broad interest to the materials community. Submissions will be eligible for consideration for the **2026 MRS Communications Lecture**, which recognizes excellence in the field of materials research through work published in *MRS Communications*. Potential Early Career Distinguished Presenters should consider this when deciding whether to accept the honor.

As MRS celebrated 50 years of serving the materials research community last year, I hope that you will take this opportunity to contribute to the **next** 50 years of the Society by contributing your work in this manner. The Fall 2024 meeting chairs, in concert with MRS leadership, are sponsoring this effort to promote exceptional MRS Symposia and presentations and extend their impact beyond the meeting.

We hope you will accept this honor and agree to participate. We will need to have your acceptance **by September 1** to ensure that you are included in meeting signage as an Early Career Distinguished Presenter. If you have any questions regarding the invitation or your commitment, please be in touch with me at mrc@mrs.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting!

With best regards,

Dr. Rigoberto C. Advincula
Editor-in-Chief, *MRS Communications*