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Members in the News

Meyers to receive 2010 Acta Materialia Award

Dr. Marc André Meyers, FASM, will be awarded the Acta Materialia, Inc. Materials & Society Award during the ABM/TMS Meeting in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, July 23-26, 2010. A third generation metallurgist, he was exposed to metallurgy from a very young age and often visited the steel plant in Brazil where his father was an engineer, manager, and director. His first visit (unauthorized) to a steel plant was at the age of seven with the children that brought lunch for their fathers, an adventure for which he was severely reprimanded upon being caught by his father.

His enthusiasm for metallurgy was not dampened, however, and he went on to earn his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the Federal University of Minas Gerais and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in metallurgy from the University of Denver. Since 1988 he has been on the faculty of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of California – San Diego.

Professor Meyers' research has focused on the dynamic processing, dynamic failure, and dynamic and shock response of materials. Recently, he has been investigating the mechanical properties of biological materials and ultrafine-grained and nanocrystalline metals.

Other honors and recognitions include the Humboldt Senior Scientist Award from the German Humboldt Foundation; the Structural Materials Division Distinguished Scientist/Engineer and Distinguished Service awards from the Structural Materials Division of TMS; the Lee Hsun Lecture Award from the Institute for Metal Research, China; and the John S. Rinehart Award of the DYMAT Association, Europe.