

## RECIPIENTS OF THE 2006 ACTA STUDENT AWARDS

A team of judges consisting of *Acta Materialia*, *Scripta Materialia*, and *Acta Biomaterialia* editors have completed the evaluation of nominees for the above award. The competition was very keen and there were several excellent candidates. Selecting the winners was a challenging task. Several factors were considered in the evaluation of each nominee: the quality of paper, or papers, for which he or she was nominated, recommendation letters, and leadership potential. The awardees in 2007 for student who published in 2006 are:

### ACTA MATERIALIA

Dr. Norihiko Okamoto, Kyoto University, Japan. “Splitting of guest atom sites and lattice thermal conductivity of type-I and -III clathrate compounds in the Ba-Ga-Ge system”, *Acta Materialia* 54, 2006: 5519-5528; “Crystal structure refinement of a type-I clathrate compound Ba<sub>8</sub>Ge<sub>43</sub> with an ordered arrangement of germanium vacancies”, *Acta Materialia* 54, 2006: 173-178.

Dr. Daniel Gianola, Johns Hopkins University, USA. “Stress-assisted discontinuous grain growth and its effect on the deformation behaviour of nanocrystalline aluminium thin films”, *Acta Materialia* 54, 2006: 2253-2263. Dr. Gianola is also receiving recognition for his contribution to *Scripta Materialia* in 2006: “Increased strain rate sensitivity due to stress-coupled grain growth in nanocrystalline Al”, *Scripta Materialia* 55, 2006, 649-652.

### SCRIPTA MATERIALIA

Dr. Abhijit Brahme, Carnegie Mellon University, USA. “3D reconstruction of microstructure in a commercial purity aluminum”, *Scripta Materialia* 55, 2006 : 75-80.

### ACTA BIOMATERIALIA

Dr. Evelyn K.F. Yim, Duke University, USA. “Enhanced extracellular matrix production and differentiation of human embryonic germ cell derivatives in biodegradable poly( $\epsilon$ -caprolactone-co-ethyl ethylene phosphate) scaffold”, *Acta Biomaterialia* 2, 2006: 365-376.

The editors would like to congratulate the awardees and thank all the nominees for their participation. We wish them all the best in their careers.

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