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MRS Nelson "Buck" Robinson Science and Technology Award for Renewable Energy

This new award recognizes a student (bachelor's, master's, or PhD), postdoc, or other young professional through five years following the highest degree

attained for the development of sustainable solutions for the realization of renewable sources of energy. The annual award consists of a \$5,000 honorarium, Meeting registration, annual MRS membership, and reasonable travel expenses to attend the Meeting at which the award is presented. MRS acknowledges Sophie Robinson for endowing this award in memory of her father, Nelson Buck Robinson.

The Kavli Foundation Early Career Lectureship in Materials Science recognizes significant contributions

This Lectureship is an honor that recognizes significant novel contributions to materials science by a researcher in the early stages of his/her career. The award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and a two-night hotel stay to attend the Meeting to present a talk.



NICE 2018: 4th International Conference on Bioinspired and Biobased
Chemistry & Materials to be held October 14–17 www.unice.fr/nice-conference

Nature Inspires Creativity Engineers (NICE) 2018, the 4th International Conference on Bioinspired and Biobased Chemistry & Materials, will be held October 14–17 in Nice, France.

By taking inspiration from nature, scientists can engineer artificial materials that produce new solutions and opportunities for industrial, environmental, and medicinal applications. However, the potential scope of impact of bioinspired materials goes well beyond these domains. The conference's objective is to share new developments in the

growing field of bioinspired chemistry and materials and to understand new challenges that are being faced in this field of research. The conference encompasses chemistry, biology, and physics, and gives a multidisciplinary overview of biomimetic approaches to engineering new materials and systems. The aim is to find eco-friendly, green, and sustainable solutions to materials challenges.

Among the topics to be discussed are green chemistry, nanomaterials, renewable energy, stimuli-responsive materials, adhesive/anti-adhesive materials, functional polymers, biobased chemistry, and materials.

The plenary speakers are Lei Jiang of the Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, and Valentine Vullev of the University of California, Riverside, USA. The conference will also feature keynote speakers, oral presentations, poster sessions, and workshops.

The call for abstracts deadline is May 31. Early bird registration ends June 30. More information can be accessed at www.unice.fr/nice-conference or by email at contact@nice-conference.com.

