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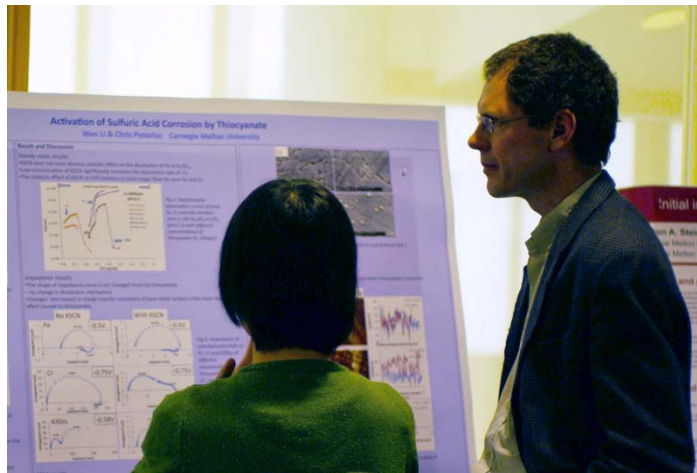


Photo caption: Third-year graduate student Wen Li and Prof. Chris Pistorius confer at the 4th Annual Materials Science & Engineering Graduate Symposium held at Carnegie Mellon University this spring.

Carnegie Mellon Materials Science Symposium Enjoys Unprecedented Growth

Oakdale, PA...26 April 2011... The 4th Annual Materials Science & Engineering Graduate Symposium, held this spring at Carnegie Mellon University, saw a dramatic increase in the number of presentations and an exciting surge of support from the scientific community, according to Michael Bockstaller, PhD, Assistant Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Carnegie Mellon and organizer of the event. "Our first symposium in 2008 was a half-day event to showcase graduate student research, but our goal even then was to ultimately create a dynamic academic event here at Carnegie Mellon that attracts the best and the brightest graduate students, as presenters or as attendees, from across the country," he says. "It's clear from this year's symposium that we are well on our way to achieving just that."

The full-day 2011 symposium featured 18 oral presentations, 15 poster presentations, and continued corporate sponsorship in the form of a grant from Goodfellow Corporation, a leading supplier of metals and materials for research and industry. Goodfellow specializes in supplying research quantities of high-quality metals, polymers, ceramics and other materials to universities and other research facilities, so sponsoring the Carnegie Mellon symposium was a logical decision. However, Rick LaMar, the Goodfellow Technical Specialist who attended the event, cites personal as well as professional reasons for the company's sponsorship. "I and most of my colleagues at Goodfellow have materials science or related backgrounds ourselves, so we understand the excitement that comes from breaking new ground in our chosen field. It's a privilege and a pleasure to support the hard work of these talented young scientists."

The 5th Annual Materials Science & Engineering Graduate Symposium will take place at Carnegie Mellon University in the spring of 2012. For details, contact Professor Bockstaller at bockstaller@cmu.edu.

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