

## NOMINATION

As a member of the Expert Committee, it is my pleasure to inform you about the decision of the MRS-Serbia Executive Board.

The Executive Board of the MRS-Serbia Presidency reviewed the submitted nomination for the **MRS-Serbia 2026 Award for Lasting and Outstanding Contribution to Materials Science and Engineering**.

### **Proposal: Horst Hahn**

It is concluded that the procedure was conducted in accordance with the Awarding Rulebook, that the Call was announced on the MRS-Serbia's website on December 31st, 2025, and that in the stipulated period of 45 days one candidate was nominated:

Prof. Dr. Horst Hahn is internationally recognized as one of the leading scientists in the fields of **high-entropy materials, nanostructured materials, nanoglasses, advanced functional oxides, and energy-related materials systems**. His work has significantly shaped modern understanding of entropy-stabilized materials and nanostructured functional systems, with publications in *Science, Nature Reviews Materials, Advanced Materials, Nature Communications*, and other highest-impact journals.

In addition to his outstanding scientific achievements, Prof. Hahn has maintained a long-standing and highly productive collaboration with the Faculty of Technology in Novi Sad (Prof. Vladimir Srdic). Through this cooperation, numerous researchers and young scientists have successfully engaged in joint research activities with his group, significantly strengthening scientific exchange and international collaboration. This sustained partnership represents an important bridge between leading European research institutions and the Serbian scientific community.

From the very founding of MRS-Serbia, Prof. Hahn has continuously supported the activities of the Society. He has participated in numerous YUCOMAT Conferences as a plenary lecturer, while members of his research group have also actively contributed to the scientific program. His long-term engagement reflects not only his scientific excellence, but also his genuine commitment to the growth and international affirmation of MRS-Serbia and YUCOMAT.

Including his name among the Laureates would substantially strengthen the international visibility and prestige of the MRS-Serbia Award and further affirm its global scientific standing.

The Executive Board of the MRS-Serbia Presidency will take a decision about the Award after receiving opinions from the fourteen-member 2025 Expert Committee: Prof. Dr. Dragan Uskoković (President of MRS-Serbia), Prof. Yury Gogotsi (Chair of YUCOMAT Conferences International Advisory Board and as 2021 Laureate), Prof. Robert Sinclair (Honorary Chair of YUCOMAT Conferences International Advisory Board and as 2020 Laureate), Prof. Dejan Raković (Vice-President of MRS-Serbia), Dr. Slobodan Milonjić (President of the Council and Member of the Presidency of MRS-Serbia), Prof. Dr. Ivan Bozovic as 2015 Laureate, Prof. Dr. Gordana Vunjak-Novaković as 2016 Laureate, Prof. Dr. Velimir Radmilović as 2017 Laureate, Prof. Dr. László Forró as 2018 Laureate, Prof. Danilo Suvorov as 2019 Laureate, Prof. Dr. Richard W. Siegel as 2022 Laureate, Prof. Knut Urban as a 2023 Laureate, Prof. Vladimir Torchilin as a 2024 Laureate and Prof. Dr. Hamish Fraser as a 2025 Laureate, hopefully in 10 days from today.

**Please be so kind and send us your opinion concerning nominated candidate for the MRS-Serbia Award.**

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,  
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