

Website for the history of materials research

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We are in the process of developing a website for the history of Materials Science and Engineering in the last 40 years or so (<http://hrst.mit.edu/hrs/materials/public/>). We have two main purposes. One is to provide readable historical overviews that can be used by journalists, policy analysts, and students at university and high school levels. The other is to act as an archive. Neither purpose can be achieved without the collaboration of materials researchers. The website already contains preliminary historical accounts and some archival material such as interview transcripts. It will also contain modules for collaboration, such as discussion groups and interviews carried out on the website. In fact, we are hoping to interest materials researchers in taking charge of specific modules of this kind. We will demonstrate how we envisage collaboration and take suggestions for improvements.