

Dear Colleague,

We would like to inform you that we are organizing a mini-symposium on

‘Routes to Bulk Nanomaterials’

as part of the International Symposium **PLASTICITY 2009** to be held at the **Frenchman's Reef and Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort (St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands), on January 3-8, 2009.**

The mini-symposium will address the manufacturing of bulk nanomaterials for structural applications and their mechanical properties, with a focus on modelling and numerical simulations at all relevant length and time scales. Established processing routes leading to ultrafine or nanocrystalline grain structure, such as equal channel angular pressing, accumulated roll bonding, high pressure torsion and other severe plastic deformation techniques, are well within the scope of the mini-symposium. Other processes involving compaction of nanopowders or nanostructuring of the near-surface regions of a structural member are also considered as relevant to its theme.

We invite you to participate in the mini-symposium. Information regarding the venue of PLASTICITY 2009 and the important dates can be found in the attachment. Please consider that the deadline for abstract submission is pretty close, so please act now and do not let this info disappear in the ocean of e-mails we are sure you are receiving daily.

Your abstracts should be sent to us, with a copy to the PLASTICITY 2009 organizer, Professor Akhtar Khan (khan@umbc.edu), indicating the ‘Routes to Bulk Nanomaterials’ mini-symposium.

The PLASTICITY 2009 web is <http://www.internationalplasticity.com/indexST2.html> .

Important dates are

Your intent to attend and tentative title.....	NOW
Half-page Abstract.....	March 1, 2008
Early Pre-registration.....	August 1, 2008
Typing Instructions	Already on the website
Three page Compact Paper Due.....	September 15, 2008

We hope to see you at St. Thomas!

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