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Dear valued member of the Carbon & Related Materials community:

It is my honor to announce that the Applied Diamond Conference (ADC) and the 1st Annual International Conference on Nanostructured Carbon and Related Materials (ADC/NanoCarbon 2005) will be held at Argonne National Laboratory on May 15-20, 2005. The participation of the International Conference on New Diamond Science and Technology (ICNDST) is pending and will be decided at the ICNDST-9 conference in March 2004. This conference promises to be the biggest of its kind in the US, and we expect to draw between 300-400 attendees. We are looking forward to your participation in what could be the largest conference of its kind to focus on the Synthesis, Characterization, Application, and Commercialization of Carbon and Related Materials.

These are exciting times for the Carbon & Related Materials Community of researchers and R&D professionals. No other area of materials research combines the excitement of major breakthroughs in fundamental research with the immediate promise of seeing those breakthroughs lead to new devices & products that have both high societal impact and high commercial potential. The elevated level of interest, the pace of new discoveries, and the number of new startup companies founded in recent years, makes having a conference of equal excitement and scope a necessity, so that our community continues to strive and flourish.

There's no city like Chicago, Illinois. Dubbed the "Capital of the Midwest", it's the birthplace of Jazz & Skyscrapers, and home to over 8 million. It's also home to many of the US's leading research universities and government labs, including Argonne National Laboratory, and is poised to become a major center for high-technology startups born of technologies developed at these institutions. Over the past several years three R&D 100 awards have been awarded to local Chicago researchers for breakthrough carbon technologies.

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The timing could not be better to have Argonne National Laboratory (or ANL as we locals call it) host this exciting conference. ANL is a one of several National Laboratories charged by the Department of Energy to conduct basic & applied research in physics, chemistry, materials science, and other fields. It has also been chosen to be the site of one of the major Nanoscience Research Centers, the Center for Nanoscale Materials (CNM), which will break ground this spring and become operational in early 2007. NanoCarbon is one of six initial scientific themes upon which the CNM is founded.

An initial website for the meeting can be found at: <http://chemistry.anl.gov/NanoCarbon2005/>. There you will find some of the particulars of the envisioned scope of the meeting as well as some details that have been finalized. Over the next several months this details will be filled in as the work of the Program & Organization Committees proceeds. If you are interested in participating in this process please let us know---we greatly value your input!

So please mark your calendars and save the above website link. We will be sending out the 1st Call for Papers in the Summer of 2004.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Chicago in May 2005!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Carlisle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John A. Carlisle
Conference Chair