

February 10, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

The Plasma Materials Interaction (PMI) Theme of the ReNeW process will hold a 3 day workshop, March 4-6, 2009 at UCLA. The first half day will be held jointly with the Fusion Power Theme. The main purpose will be to present and discuss potential research thrusts that will address research needs in the areas covered by the PMI Theme. We are seeking input on possible research thrusts from the whole fusion research community. The joint session with the Fusion Power theme will focus on initiatives that might address the needs of both the PMI and FP theme.

A prerequisite for making a presentation at the PMI Workshop is to prepare and submit a 2-3 page white paper. **The due date for PMI white papers is Friday, February 20, 2009.** This deadline is firm because the Theme leaders and panel members need time to review submissions and establish an agenda for the workshop. We intend to have considerable time at the workshop to discuss the proposed research thrusts and how the thrusts support each other and the needs of the PMI theme, so the time for presentations will be limited. Contributors are encouraged to make their white papers clear and concise, and their presentations focused on the PMI theme.

Instructions for preparing and submitting white papers are given on the BPO/ReNew web page (<http://burningplasma.org/web/renew.html>). In addition to submitting your white paper to Emily Hooks <ehooks@mail.utexas.edu> as instructed, please also copy the FP Theme Leaders:

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Please also note the registration information for the workshop on the BPO website. Space in local hotels is limited and people are encouraged to register early. This will also aid the planning of the workshop.

Thanks in advance for your contributions and your support for ReNeW.

Best Regards,
Mike Ulrickson
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