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As announced in the previous issue, all MSC partners moved to the central campus in Zwijnaarde. Since the foundation of the MSC in 2009, additional members became involved in the partnership in order to share state-of-the-art research facilities in a modern structure of collaboration, clustering and strategic alliance of research with an important focus on metals. This new cluster has been inaugurated on September 20, 2011 under the name Materials Research Cluster Gent. Additional information can be found on http://www.mrcluster.be/.

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