

# Microscopy Focus

MICROSCIENCE 2008 – 23-26 JUNE 2008

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*The dates for Microscience 2008 International Conference and Exhibition have been released by the Royal Microscopical Society (RMS) and the event at London's ExCeL centre on 23-26 June 2008, promises to be even bigger and better than 2006.*

*Three parallel conference themes will address 'Characterisation and Nanofabrication of Advanced Materials', 'The Cell in Time and Space' and 'Microscopy and Analysis at the Frontiers'. Speakers are being drawn from all over the world, and each day will include a high-profile plenary lecture.*

*There will be submitted talks in each session and the poster presentations will be in association with International Labmate, so expect to hear more of this.*

**“YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT MICROSCIENCE WITHOUT MENTIONING THE LARGEST MICROSCOPY AND IMAGING EXHIBITION IN THE WORLD”**

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Whilst the conference requires you to register, there is a host of free attractions for the day visitor. There is the Learning Zone – over 100m<sup>2</sup> of space packed with light and electron microscopes and experts to match. You can arrive and seek answers to those burning questions, or attend lectures in the dedicated lecture room. These lectures provide introductions to light, electron and digital microscopy, and certificates of attendance are available to help support your training needs. The Learning Zone is free – just turn up and enjoy.



The companies will be running a full programme of free workshops, keeping you fully informed of what is new. Finally, you cannot talk about Microscience without mentioning the largest microscopy and imaging exhibition in the world. Companies are very happy with the format. This was demonstrated by them snapping up over 60% of space within 10 days of it going on sale – and there is still a year to go! With 100 companies in a 4500m<sup>2</sup> hall, there is an awful lot for those with a love of microscopy and imaging. "If there was a complaint from visitors in 2006, it was that there was too much to see in a single visit," says Allison Winton, RMS Exhibition Manager, "and with an increased social programme and many other new features in 2008,

Call for papers and pre-registration details will be announced later.

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## RMS TECHNOLOGY FORUM A GREAT SUCCESS

The first Microscience Technology Forum – Microscopy in the Aeronautic and Automotive Industries - was held at the Williams F1 Conference Centre in Oxfordshire on the 20th June. It was a great success, and one hundred and twenty five attendees heard stimulating talks from representatives from industry and academia. And, if they were lucky, they got to drive an F1 simulator.

Dr Debbie Stokes – an organiser and Honorary Secretary of the Royal Microscopical Society – was very pleased with the outcome. "It was a highly successful event," says Debbie, "and we hope it will be the start of a very popular series of multi-disciplinary meetings covering various topics. The aim was to bring academia and industry together in a very positive environment, and to discover how both light and electron microscopical techniques are being applied to solve real-world questions. It was an experiment, and we succeeded. The talks were of the highest standard and there was a really great atmosphere in which to network."



The event also included poster presentations in association with Labmate UK & Ireland.

The series is expected to go from strength to strength, and if there is an industry that you would like to see featured, don't hesitate to contact the RMS.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**03 - 07 September 2007**

Cell Imaging Techniques  
Oxford Brookes University

**09 - 12 September 2007**

6th Abercrombie Symposium -  
Cell migration: from molecules to organisms  
St Catherine's College, Oxford

**10 - 14 September 2007**

Flow Cytometry Cours  
York University

**24 September 2007**

Raman and Fluorescence in Bio Diagnostic  
Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, Oxford, UK

**17 - 18 December 2007**

Advanced TEM & TOM  
Manchester

## RAMAN AND FLUORESCENCE IN BIO DIAGNOSTICS

This conference will look at the latest developments and results in advanced imaging and spectroscopic techniques, such as life-time fluorescence and Raman, applied to bio-diagnostics.

The programme is centred on a renowned group of invited speakers together with submitted papers and poster presentations. There will also be a trade exhibition displaying the latest instruments and services available to microscopists.

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