

# Welcome from the Society Presidents

## Dear Fellow Microscopists, Microanalysts, Students, and Friends,

On behalf of our respective societies, we are excited to welcome you once again to Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses, and one of the most beautiful cities in America, for the 2015 Microscopy & Microanalysis meeting. M&M, serving as the annual meeting of the Microscopy Society of America, the Microanalysis Society, and the International Metallographic Society, continues to be the premier meeting for scientists, technologists, and students who use microscopy or microanalysis in their research.

The Program Committee for 2015 has assembled an exceptional, diverse scientific program with a record number of over 1250 papers, featuring researchers from around the world presenting the latest advances in the biological and physical sciences, techniques and instrumentation. In synchrony with this remarkable program is one of the world's largest exhibitions of state-of-the-art microscopy and microanalysis instrumentation. In addition, there are number of educational opportunities during M&M, in particular the excellent Short Courses, tutorials, educational outreach events, and the always-popular evening vendor tutorials during the week.

Whether you are new to M&M or a longtime participant, M&M 2015 is the perfect place to network with others in your field, to learn the newest techniques, to see the latest exhibits, and to check out future job opportunities. Sunday night's Opening Reception provides an enjoyable start to the meeting. You can renew old friendships and make new acquaintances while enjoying a selection of locally sourced dishes and your favorite beverages.

The Monday morning plenary session will be highlighted by talks from two extraordinary microscopists: Nobel laureate Roger Y. Tsien who will discuss "New Molecular Tools for Light and Electron Microscopy" and NASA Astronaut Donald Pettit who will present "Some Unexpected Difficulties in Microscope Operation in Microgravity." In addition, participating Societies will recognize their major society award winners, as well as student, post-doc and technologist Meeting winners. During the week, there will be daily student poster awards acknowledging the talents of the best young researchers in instrumentation and techniques, and biological and physical applications of microscopy & microanalysis.

Portland is an inviting location with hotels, shops, numerous restaurants, a number of craft breweries and historical sites for your enjoyment. We hope the science presented at Microscopy & Microanalysis 2015 will inspire you to great things!

Have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing you next year in Columbus, Ohio!



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