

MICROSCOPY TODAY

Dear Reader,

Because of a concern over delivery time of the newsletter, in our April issue we requested readers to advise when they received their copies. With third class bulk mailing, most copies were received within two weeks - but in two cases the newsletter:

- 1) Took 35 calendar days to reach San Francisco
- 2) Took 65 calendar days to reach York, PA.

With the hope that expenses will allow, we are planning on sending the newsletter in the near future by First Class. To even consider so doing, ALL addresses must be compatible with the Post Office's optical readers and bar code scanners. For this major reason, we ask you to complete the enclosed "questionnaire". To assist us in attracting advertisers, and to continue to provide the newsletter at no cost to you, we are also asking you to answer several brief questions.

Appreciating that these questionnaires are a "pain", we do thank you for your help!

Don Grimes, Editor

To Our New Readers:

This our fifth issue is sent monthly at no cost to almost 9,500 individuals in the U.S. with an interest in microscopy. Our mailing list, after careful duplicate removal and hundreds of corrections, came partially from a "raw" list of over 14,000 names from 38 current membership (EMSAs, MAS, etc.) and conference (EMSA, SCANNING, etc.) attendance lists - PLUS hundreds of new readers who have requested a subscription.

The objective of the newsletter is simply to provide news of real interest to the broad microscopy community. It is our hope and plan that advertising will cover the cost of the newsletter.

The newsletter is a private enterprise - we are not formally associated with any company or organization (including EMSA). We do, however, consider ourselves as "friends" of National EMSA and MAS, plus most of the local EMSA societies.

INDUSTRY NEWS

✓ The Polaroid Corporation has announced its eleventh annual photomicrography competition, as part of their continuing focus on effective scientific communication. The competition honors light and electron micrographers who use their skill and creativity to produce images that contribute to increased scientific understanding.

The competition is free, easy to enter, and offers 30 prizes worth a total of \$13,000 - including a grand prize of \$3,500. In addition, winning photomicrographers receive worldwide recognition through the publication and exhibit of their images.

One may submit up to three micrographs by June 30, 1992. Entry forms may be obtained by calling (800)225-1618.

✓ Congratulations to Nathan Little and John Fahy on their respective promotions to Marketing Manager and National Sales Manager with the Electron Optics Division of Philips Electronic Instruments.

✓ Max M. Houck, until recently an Applications Specialist with Oxford Instruments Microanalysis Group (aka Link Analytical), has joined the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Crime Laboratory (Fort Worth, TX) as a Trace Evidence Analyst.

✓ The EMSA Council has established an undergraduate scholarship program to further the educational and research potential in students intent on pursuing electron microscopy as a career. Guidelines for applying are as follows:

- 1) An applicant must be a full time undergraduate student.
- 2) An applicant must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien.
- 3) Research projects must be performed at a facility other than the one that the student is currently working in.
- 4) The maximum award is \$3,000 to be used within one year of award date. A maximum of 4 awards and \$10,000 per year will be given.
- 5) When possible at least one award will be given to an under-represented minority applicant.
- 6) Completed applications must be received by 15 November. Awards will be given by March 1 the following year.

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