

From the Editor

Dear Colleagues:

Please take a moment to read the new Aims and Scope statement found on page 188. This statement has recently been revised in response to comments indicating that the previous statement could be interpreted as not encouraging submission of manuscripts that describe mainly applications, particularly in the biological fields. That is clearly not the case, and the Aims and Scope statement has been revised in this issue to correct that misperception.

In particular, the Aims and Scope statement now describes manuscripts suitable for submission as: "articles describing new techniques or instrumentation and their applications, as well as papers in which established methods of microscopy or microanalysis are applied to important problems in the fields of biology or materials science." If you have been discouraged from submitting manuscripts because of the former Aims and Scope statement, I certainly encourage you to reconsider.

More generally, as you consider submitting manuscripts to *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, you should note that the journal is now indexed by:

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