

NEW AND/OR INTERESTING IN MICROSCOPY

OXFORD ACQUIRES MICROSPEC

The Oxford Instruments Microanalysis Group has just acquired the Microspec Corporation in Fremont, CA., adding Microspec's WDX400/600 wavelength dispersive (WDX) spectrometers to its range of Link products and systems.

According to Ron Jones, Managing Director of the Microanalysis Group, this is an acquisition where "everyone gains". Mr. Jones points out that Oxford gains Microspec's product portfolio and R&D strength, while Microspec gains Oxford's international support and sales outlets, and both sets of customers gain with the combined support and services of the two companies.

There will be no change in the management or staff at Microspec and, as Richard Wolf, President of Microspec, points out to their customers "Only the company name will change."

Marine Biological Laboratory Announces 1996 Short Courses

- May 9/17 1996: Analytical and Quantitative Light Microscopy
- May 21/28 1996: Microinjection Techniques in Cell Biology
- May 28/June 5 1996: Cell and Molecular Imaging and Analysis Using Cryotechniques.
- October 23/30 1996: Optical Microscopy and Imaging in the Biomedical Sciences.

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Digital Instruments Wins Award

Digital Instruments has been awarded the prestigious National New Product Award by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) for the Dimension™ 7000 AutoWafer™ Scanning Probe Microscope.

According to the NSPE, "The award recognizes companies that are developing innovative products and advancing technology through outstanding engineering achievements. The awards are given to the creative minds that establish new products in the marketplace that benefit the general public and the economy of California".

Scanning Microscopy International 1996 Meeting

On May 11/16 1996 a symposium on Scanning Probe Microscopies and Related Techniques for the Biological and Materials Sciences will be held in Bethesda, MD. For more information, telephone (708)529-6677, Fax: (708)980-6698, email: 73211.647@compuserve.com.

Microworld Resources And News

This month MicroWorld Resources and News has added the section "Internet Job Hunting Resources for Microscopists and Other Scientists". Links are provided to databases of jobs and resume banks for biologists, chemists, crystallographers, geologists, materials scientists, and physicists. There are also a few links to posting of jobs in microscopy. Other helpful job hunting WWW sites that are included in the MicroWorld list are the directories of University and college home pages and professional societies and job postings from Cell and the Association for the Advancement of the Sciences.

The MicroWorld site also maintains connections to meta-lists of job resources. One of the best is JobHunt: A Meta-list of On-line Job and services from Dane Spearing. It contains links to academia, general, and scientific resources as well as links to companies, recruiting agencies, newsgroups, resume banks, commercial services, and other meta-lists.

MicroWorld Resources and News is an innovative WWW site for microscopists and microanalysts. In addition to job resources, the site includes a guide to microscopy and microanalysis on the Internet, information on newsgroups and listservers, links to news and technical information, and much more. The home page is at <http://www.mwrn.com/>

New "SPM Imaging Modes Tutorial" on the Web

TopoMetrix Corporation announces that a "Scanning Probe Microscopy Imaging Modes Tutorial" is now available on the TopoMetrix World Wide Web site (<http://topometrix.com>). The tutorial includes 10 pages and 19 full-color figures explaining the basic concept, imaging modes, and applications of an SPM. This material is the perfect introduction into the world of scanning probe microscopy.

AVS Short Courses In 1996

The American Vacuum Society (AVS) National Short Course Program will hold two offerings this March in San Jose, CA and Orlando, FL, covering four broad categories: vacuum technology, materials and materials characterization, surface science, and thin films and processing. Offerings include:

San Jose, CA - Approximately 25 courses are being offered March 11-15, 1996, in conjunction with the Northern California Chapter of the AVS 17th Annual Equipment Exhibition on March 13-14.

Orlando, FL - Ten courses will be offered March 11-14, 1996. In addition, the Florida Chapter of the AVS will concurrently hold its 24th Annual Symposium and Equipment Exhibition at the same venue.

For further information, or to receive a short course brochure, contact Margaret Stringer at AVS: tel.: (800)888-1021, fax: (212)248-0245, email: margaret@vacuum.org

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