

☛ Robert (Bob) Buchanan, previously Director of Marketing for Nanometrics, has joined Gatan, Inc. as President.

**Workshops on Quantitative Image Analysis**

May 20/22 & May 24/26, 1999: North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
 June 14/16, 1999: Danish Technological Institute, Taastrup, Denmark

This highly regarded hands-on course taught by expert faculty has been presented annually for more than 15 years. It deals with all phases of quantitative and computer-assisted imaging from acquisition and processing through measurement and stereological interpretation. Attendees receive The Image Processing Handbook plus a CD-ROM containing images, algorithms (Photoshop-compatible for Mac and Windows) and an extensive on-line tutorial and course notes on stereology and statistical analysis. The course is appropriate for scientists, technicians and administrators using or intending to use these techniques. Attendees typically come from materials science, geology, biological and medical sciences, pharmaceuticals, food science, industrial quality control, remote sensing, and other disciplines. You are encouraged to bring your own images for the hands-on sessions.

For detailed information and registration contact Cindy Allen, Dept. of Continuing and Professional Education, N.C. State University, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7401, (919)515-8171, Fax: (919)515-7614

Information is also available on-line at the following sites:  
<http://members.aol.com/IPCourse/>  
<http://evu.dti.dk/hojslet/ipcourse.htm>

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**Fundamentals and Applications of Light Microscopy**  
**Revised dates – to June 21-25, 1999**

Experienced microscopy problem-solvers will teach a 5-day practical course on optimizing information from light microscopy. The course will emphasize providing hands-on experience, a firm foundation in the principles of light microscopy, and a knowledge of contrast enhancement techniques. Both specimen preparation and microscope adjustment will be addressed. The course is suitable for beginners, and informative for experienced microscopists. Students are encouraged to bring their own samples for examination on a full range of transmitted and reflected light microscopes and contrast equipment. For information, contact Mary McCann at (617)484-7865, Fax: (617)484-2490, [www.microscopyed.com](http://www.microscopyed.com)

☛ **M & M '99 Golf Tournament**

The Golf Tournament at the Microscopy & Microanalysis '99 in Portland, OR will be held on Sunday, August 1, 1999. Hole sponsorships are available for \$65.00 each on a first come, first served basis. Prizes for longest drive, longest putt, etc. can also be donated. In addition, Logo gifts to be distributed to all participants will also be most welcome. To reserve your holes or to supply gifts/prizes, etc., please notify John Arnott as soon as possible – (800)451-3406 (U.S.) or (802)878-6711 (anywhere)

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**JUST FOR FUN MICROGRAPH CONTEST**

Due to the response (and the fun) of having our contest last year, in the upcoming MSA/MAS Conference in Portland, we will repeat the contest.

The concept of the contest is based upon composite images, made up of two or more images, at least one of which must be microscopical in nature. Contestants may enter up to two images and do not have to be present to win.

Entries will be displayed in our booth and conference attendees will be invited to vote on which they consider the most "creative and interesting". First prize will be \$300, the second prize will be \$200 and the third prize will be \$100. Winning entries, and perhaps others, will be featured as covers on this publication. All contestants may receive their choice of two microscopy prints by David Scharf.

Entries must be, of course, in hard copy. They may be in either black/white or full color. While any reasonable size is acceptable, a size of ~8.5" x ~11" is recommended. Entries should be on rather stiff material. A 3" x 5" card should accompany each entry – with image description and the contributors name and affiliation.

Entries are welcome from all microscopists, certain to include those overseas and manufacturers and suppliers.

Those with a potential interest in the contest should advise, by fax (608-836-1969) or email ([microtoday@aol.com](mailto:microtoday@aol.com)), and we in turn will insure that they receive any other information on the contest.

Also, those who have decided to participate should also advise – mainly to be sure that we have proper space for all entries. They may send their entries to Microscopy Today in advance of the Conference, or may deliver them to our booth at the Conference.

I hope that you will be able to participate in the contest.

... Don Grimes, Editor