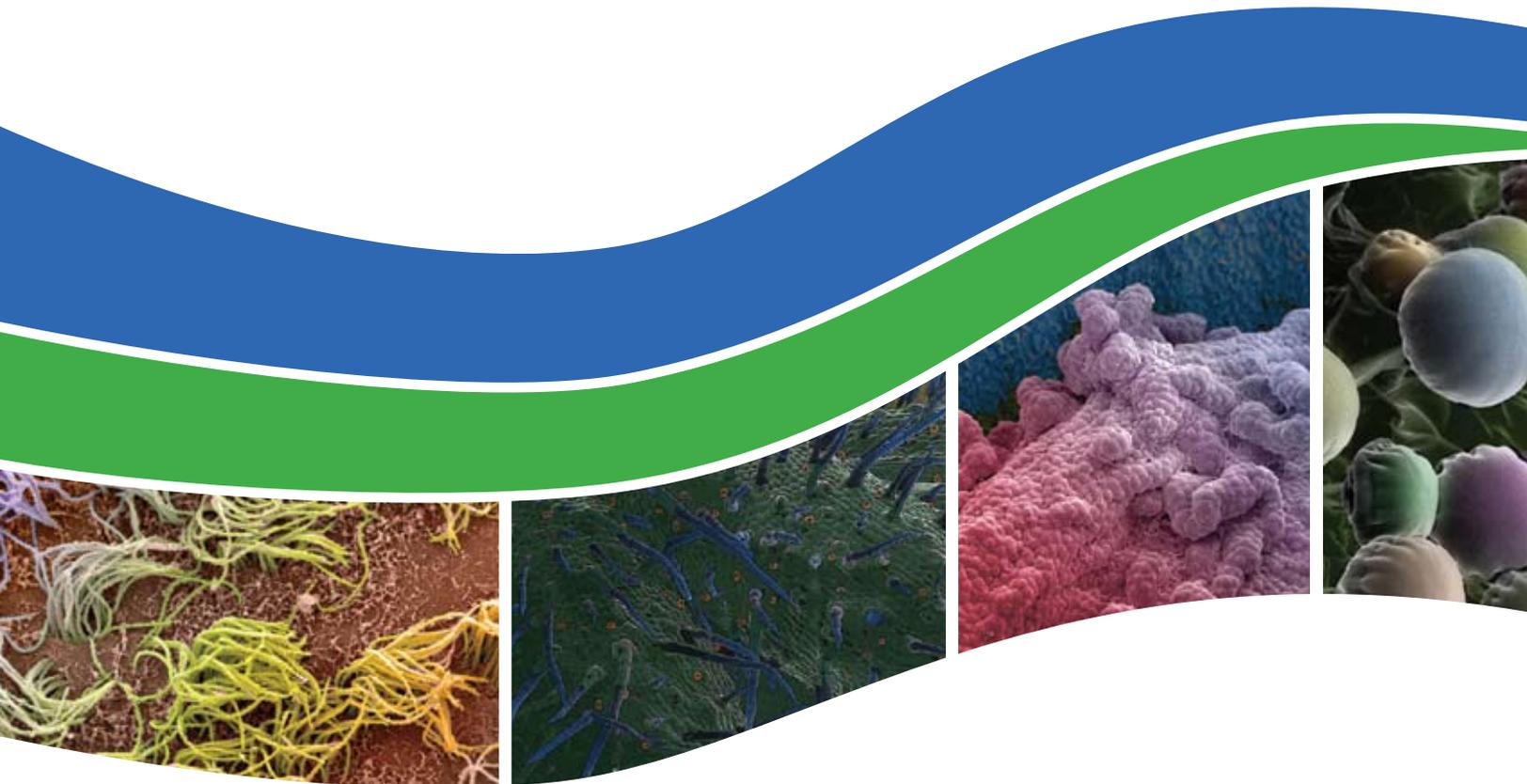


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Having a membership in a local affiliate is also a great way to build a network of local professionals any time of the year. Become a volunteer in your local society and help advance the public's understanding and appreciation of microscopy!

To help these local affiliated societies host successful meetings, MSA offers assistance through several programs including the Tour Speaker and Meeting Funding programs.

Most local affiliates offer you the opportunity to join online. A small additional fee is required, and varies by LAS. Visit the MSA web site for a list of current local affiliates and their home pages.

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