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Microscopy Society of America Bids to Host the 20th International Microscopy Congress in 2022

RESTON, Virginia – June 27, 2018 – The Microscopy Society of America (MSA) Council and MSA International Committee are pleased to announce that MSA has submitted a bid to host the 20th International Microscopy Congress (IMC-20) in 2022 in Portland, Oregon, USA. The proposed dates for IMC -20 are July 30-August 5, 2022. The IMC meeting is a world wide international microscopy congress held every four years.

Along with MSA, the Microanalysis Society (MAS), the Committee of Inter-American Societies for Electron Microscopy (CIASEM), the Microscopical Society of Canada/Société de Microscopie du Canada (MSC-SMC), and the International Field Emission Society (IFES) are also formally backing and co-sponsoring the IMC-20 bid for Portland, Oregon, USA.

The MSA Bid to host IMC-20 is spearheaded by Dr. David Bell, Chair of the MSA International Committee and Professor at Harvard University. The IMC-20 bid will be formally presented this September to the voting delegates at the IMC-19 in Sydney, Australia. An initial International Advisory Committee of 20 members representing Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Portugal, Serbia, Turkey, and the United States are already supporting the MSA's IMC-20 bid.

Please help us in spreading the news of our enthusiastic and exciting bid for the IMC-20 meeting to be held in Portland. The Microscopy Society of America has a wonderfully diverse international membership from many countries so we need your help in lobbying other societies for our IMC-20 bid to be successful when the vote takes place at the Sydney IMC meeting in September.

"The Microscopy Society of America has a long history of organizing and managing the very successful Microscopy & Microanalysis (M&M) meetings, officially established in 1996 as the joint annual meeting of MSA and MAS. Registration for M&M meetings regularly approaches or exceeds 3,000 attendees, so we are confident that if we were fortunate enough to be chosen as the official host of IMC-20, it will be a successful and well-attended meeting. This is an opportunity for IMC-20 attendees to enjoy the hospitality of one of the greatest cities in the northwestern U.S. with surrounding majestic mountains, outstanding wineries, world-renowned restaurants, and more. " Dr. Robert L. Price, 2018 MSA President, stated in the official proposal.

Along with the formal presentation of the IMC-20 bid in Sydney, the Microscopy Society of America has awarded scholarships of up to \$1500 to six students to allow them to attend the Sydney Microscopy Congress to present their research.

The Microscopy Society of America was founded as the Electron Microscope Society of America in 1942, a time of rapid development for an instrument that promised, for the first time, better resolving power than that of the traditional light microscope. The Society adopted its current name on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, to reflect the diversity of microscopy techniques represented by its membership.

Today, a variety of microscopes are capable of imaging individual atoms, and providing chemical information to identify what kind of atom is being imaged, while a variety of microscopes of lower resolving power continue to play an enabling role in understanding the world around us at a microscopic scale. The Microscopy Society of America champions all forms of microscopy and the development of new imaging technologies through its annual meeting, its publications, and its educational outreach.

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