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Microscience 2008, Microscopy & Imaging Exhibition: The dates for the Microscience 2008 International Conference and Exhibition have been released, and the event promises to be even bigger and better than 2006. Three parallel conference themes will address "Characterisation and nanofabrication of advanced materials", "The cell in time and space" and "Microscopy and analysis at the frontiers".

Speakers are being drawn from all over the world, and each day will include a high-profile plenary lecture. Add to this the world's largest dedicated microscopy and imaging exhibition and you have an event not to be missed. Getting there will be easier than ever; London City airport is served by all major European cities. If you would rather not fly, Eurostar and mainline trains can take you to London and it is a short journey by scenic light railway to ExCeL in Docklands - one of the newest and most vibrant parts of London.

Each conference session will be headlined by an invited speaker and will accommodate submitted talks. A large area for poster presentations will allow many Early Career Scientists to showcase their work and be eligible for great prizes across a number of categories.

Microscience is recognised as a leader in a number of areas. One of these is its International Micrograph Competition. The quality of entries is outstanding, as are the prizes on offer. Last year these included a laptop, high-spec digital cameras, binoculars and iPods. As always, the event will be run in association with Imaging and Microscopy, so you are well-placed for early previews.

One of the features that sets Microscience apart is the Learning Zone - over 100 m2 of space packed with light and electron microscopes and experts to man them. You can arrive and seek answers to those burning questions, or attend lectures in the dedicated lecture room. These lectures provide introductions to light, electron and digital microscopy. Certificates of attendance are available to help support your training needs. The Learning Zone is free - just turn up and enjoy.

Workshops play a valuable role in keeping you up to date with new developments. Companies will be running a full programme of free sessions throughout the event.
These provide a great opportunity for you to question those people that are making the equipment that you use.

Finally, you cannot talk about Microscience without mentioning the largest microscopy and imaging exhibition in the world. In 2006, the hall looked stunning, with all the major names represented. It would appear that they went away happy; this year they snapped up over 60% of the space within 10 days of it going on sale. With 100 companies in a 4,500 m² hall, there is an awful lot for those with a love of microscopy and imaging. "If there was a complaint from visitors in 2006, it was that there was too much to see in a single visit," says Allison Winton, RMS Exhibition Manager, "and with an increased social programme and many other new features in 2008, Microscience is an event not to miss."

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