

Introduction to the book series

Dear Reader,

This edition represents the fifth number of the Microscopy Book Series published by Formatex (Spain). This series is part of a more general publishing line, which aim is disseminating current research and technological developments but in a way accessible to a public beyond the super-specialized academic one.

In the case of this Microscopy series, it serves to show the public how important Microscopy is in expanding basic knowledge or in the development of new technologies nowadays, in virtually all fields of knowledge. In the particular case of Microscopy, this goal is facilitated by using the eye-catching power of images.

We called for pieces of work falling into two categories: 1) research papers prepared, as said above, in a not too specialized format (for example, introductory works showing the characteristics of the certain microscopy technique, or a certain aspect of it), and 2) mini-review papers, focused on either a certain important topic, or on the evolution of a certain research group across the years (that is, how and why certain research approaches were reinforced and other refused).

We hope the efforts put into the setting up of this new number of the series will be rewarded with extensive downloading of these articles from the edition website, and look forward to receiving new proposals for the new edition in 2014.

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