

## **Introduction to the book series**

Dear Reader,

The present edition is the sixth number of the Microscopy book series, which belongs to a more general line of books published by Formatex, aimed at disseminating current scientific and technological research in a way accessible to a public beyond the very and increasingly specialized academic one.

In the case of this Microscopy series, it serves to give an overview of the state of the art as well as upcoming trends, and to promoting discussion about scientific, technological and educational aspects of Microscopy, in both Life and Physical sciences.

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 or application 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 2016.

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