

➤ John Benson, until recently the V.P of U.S. sales for Oxford Instruments Microanalysis Group (aka Link Systems), has joined Peak Sensor Systems (Albuquerque, NM) as President and CEO. Prior to his association with Oxford/Link, John was V.P. Marketing at Noran Instruments/Tracor Northern.

➤ Frank Brown, due the credit of introducing the Link Systems product line in the U.S., has accepted the position of General Manager of Matsusada Precision, Inc. (Santa Clara, CA).

➤ ThermoMicroscopes appoints Paul West as Vice President of Sales and Marketing and he will have worldwide responsibilities for all sales and marketing operations.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. West was ThermoMicroscopes' Vice President for Advanced Development, holding that position since October of 1998 when the company was created by combining Park Scientific Instruments and TopoMetrix Corporation. In 1991 he helped found TopoMetrix, where he ultimately held the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

➤ **Late Breaking Poster Session at Microscopy & Microanalysis '99**

Microscopy and Microanalysis '99 (Portland, OR, August 1/5, 1999) will feature a poster session composed of presentations of newly acquired data or analyses which were unavailable for submission by the February 15 deadline. A short, half page abstract describing the studies is required. The abstract should include: Title, Author(s), Author(s) Affiliation, and a Brief Description of the studies. The description should include the Aim of the studies, a short characterization of the Methods, and a brief account of the Results and their importance.

Abstracts should be e-mailed or faxed to the program chair, Jay Jerome, at jjerome@wfubmc (email) or 336-716-6174 (fax). Abstracts may be submitted immediately but must be received by June 25, 1999. Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the program committee. A limited number of poster boards are available and preference will be given to early submissions. Abstract authors will be notified of acceptance of their abstracts no later than July 1 (earlier for early submissions).

Additional information on M&M '99 can be found on the meeting WWW site: <http://www.microscopy.com/MSAMeetings/MMMeeting.html>.

Ed Note: The above should not be confused with the "Just For Fun Micrograph Contest" to be held by Microscopy Today

➤ **CD-ROM Confocal Microscopy Volume 2 Call for Submissions**

Purdue University Cytometry Laboratories is pleased to invite submissions to Volume 2 of the Confocal Microscopy, Image Analysis and 3D-Reconstruction CD-ROM Series. We invite you, your colleagues, and your students to submit outstanding images to be considered for inclusion. Microscopy education materials are also welcome. The submission deadline is August 15, 1999.

Volume 1, edited by James B. Pawley and J. Paul Robinson, was released at the American Society for Cell Biology meeting in December 1998 and has been distributed worldwide. Volume 2, to be released at Cell Biology 1999, will contain time-lapse images, movies, 3D reconstructions, single-color fluorescence, multi-color fluorescence, transmitted light, differential interference contrast images, and reflection images. Microscopes of all types will be represented.

Materials for Volume 2 will be selected on the basis of quality and space available. Material previously published elsewhere must be accompanied by a copyright release from the publisher. Material published on the CD must be freely available for non-commercial use. These CD-ROMS are designed to operate on all computer platforms. Submission guidelines and additional details regarding our CD-ROM series are available at our website at: <http://www.cyto.purdue.edu>

➤ **ImagingTech '99**

ImagingTech '99 will be a one-stop event providing information on the latest in materials laboratory imaging technology and will be held in Chicago, IL on 17/19 August '99. All aspects of imaging equipment – software, theory and applications – will be discussed with the goal of providing a clear understanding of the current and future available technologies and how to use them to best advantage. ImagingTech will offer concurrent conference and commercial presentation sessions and will also feature a tabletop display for those who wish to obtain first-hand experience with some of the latest technology from many of the key providers within the industry.

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