New Microscopy Bulletin Board

Nestor Zaluzec and colleagues at Argonne National Laboratory have inaugurated a new Microscopy ListServer/MailReflector System as a centralized Internet address to facilitate rapid exchange of scientific and technical information on all phases of modern microscopy. This new Microscopy Server supplements ANLEMC (Argonne National Laboratory EM Center) eMail communications and the widely-used EMMPDL (Microscopy and Analysis Public Domain Library). This new system is not to be confused with the Microscopy Society of America's electronic bulletin board.

The Microscopy Server went on-line on October 1, 1993 with about 200 "subscribers" gleamed from the world wide ANLEMC eMail address file. The overseas response has been enthusiastic and impressive. To date the format has been largely a question and answer dialog on equipment and software purchases, technique troubles and references on many of the most important aspects of microscopy. The microscopy server topics have included scanning probe microscopies, SEM, HVEM, HREM, analytical microscopy and even positron annihilation. Most of the material has been of some to major interest to this reader but it does fill up your in-basket with 10-15 messages a day. In the future, the system will allow subscribers to restrict their eMail traffic to topics of primary interest to them.

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--- Don Grimes, Microscopy Today

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