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--- Don Grimes, Editor

INDUSTRY NEWS

Congrats to the new officers of the Microbeam Analysis Society (MAS):

President Elect:

John A. Small (NIST, Gaithersburg, MD) Delegates Elect:

Joanna L. Batstone (IBM, Yorktown Hts, NY) Charles E. Lyman (Lehigh Univ.)

And to David S. Simons (NIST, Gaithersburg, MD), appointed Secretary.

- ✓ Correction to MAS '93 Annual Meeting preregistration package: Workshops will be held on Sunday, 11 July '93 rather than on Saturday as listed.
- ✓ Prof. Gareth Thomas from UC Berkeley and the National Center for Electron Microscopy at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab has accepted the appointment as Executive Director of Technology Development and Transfer at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
- ✓ Paul Magliocco, until recently the Vice President of Engineering with Megatest, has joined the TopoMetrix Corporation as Vice President of Engineering.

- The improved MSA (aka EMSA) BBS is up and operating and it is nifty. If you have not recently tried it, we suggest that you do. The toll-free number (800-627-3672) is available for 30 minutes of time per month per user after which (708)252-7917 may be used. 1200 to 9600 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit and no parity.
- ✓ The Lehigh Microscopy Short Courses are scheduled on June 14-26 1993 at Lehigh Univ. (Bethlehem, PA) as follows:

June 14/18 '93: Basic Course: Scanning Electron Microscopy & X-ray Analysis. June 21/25 '93: Advanced Courses:

- Microcharacterization of Electronic Materials, Devices and Packages.
- 2) Advanced Scanning Imaging.
- 3) Quantitative X-ray Microanalysis.
- 4) AFM, STM and Other Scanned Probe Microscopies.

June 21/24 93: Analytical Electron Microscopy June 24/25 '93: Thin Specimen Preparation For detailed information, contact Prof. Joseph Goldstein, Lehigh University, Dept. Mat. Sci. & Eng., 5 E Packer Ave, Bethlehem PA 18015, Tel.: (215)758-5133, Fax: (215)758-4244.

- There are plans to form a new biotechnology industry trade association, Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) by merging the Industrial Biotechnology Association (IBA) and the Association of Biotechnology Companies (ABC). The combined membership of 490 members from IBA and ABC represent more than 90% of the industry's \$5.9 billion in product sales. They have submitted a list of action items to the Clinton Administration concerning FDA user fees and policies, USDA guidelines for genetically engineered plants, biotechnology patent protection, capital gains, the biodiversity treaty and other issues. Merger approval by both organizations is expected later this year.
- ✓ According to a recent NIH report, women in 1991 and 1992 submitted 19% of NIH applications for research project grants, up from 14% in 1982. However, women's success rate continues to slightly lag men's.
- ✓ Stephen B. Rice has joined the electron optics group of McCrone Associates (Westmont, IL) as a Senior Electron Microscopist. He was formally a Research Geologist with Exxon R & E.



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