

From the Editor

Microscopy Today Micrograph Awards



During the course of a year, many significant and interesting micrographs are acquired as still images or video clips. The editors of *Microscopy Today* wish to promote and honor such micrographs.

About a year ago, Editorial Board Member Robert Simmons and his wife Camille came to me with an idea. They suggested that *Microscopy Today* sponsor a micrograph competition where the scientific significance of an image weighs as much as the aesthetic qualities of the image. They volunteered to help implement such a contest. The MSA Council approved the project at M&M 2018 in Baltimore, and the *Microscopy Today* Micrograph Awards program is now set to begin, with the first awards to be presented at M&M 2019 in Portland, OR.

All types of microscopy are welcome. There are three micrograph categories:

Published micrograph category for images appearing for the first time in a publication of the previous year. Thus, for the 2019 awards, only micrographs published in 2018 would be eligible.

Open micrograph category for unpublished images acquired by any microscopist.

Video micrograph category for movie clips up to 60 seconds in length, acquired directly with a microscope or generated as a video reconstruction from microscopy data.

A panel of judges will select a number of finalists in each category. Finalist micrographs will be displayed on social media, websites, and publications. From these finalists the judges will select a first prize winner in each category. The microscopy community at large will have an opportunity to vote for the "people's choice award," their choice for the best micrograph of the combined categories.

Submission of still images and videos for the *Microscopy Today* Micrograph Awards program will be through an MSA website after January 1, 2019. The timeline begins with the submission deadline of February 21, 2019. Finalists will be notified in April. The *Microscopy Today* Micrograph Awards will be presented on Wednesday of the August M&M meeting. The top winners will receive cash prizes, and winning images will be featured on the cover of the September issue of this magazine.

I invite you to participate in this competition. Please submit your still images or videos. We look forward to receiving your work by the submission deadline of February 21, 2019.

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