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# From the Editor



# New Look for Microscopy Today

Welcome to the new look of *Microscopy Today*, the magazine for all microscopists and microanalysts. This controlled-circulation publication is still owned by the Microscopy Society of America, but it is now published by Cambridge University Press along with the society's peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Microscopy and Microanalysis*.

How was *Microscopy Today* published before this issue? Answer: through Ron Anderson's editorial skill, financial acumen, and determined salesmanship. While Ron handled most editorial and production tasks single-handedly, he was ably assisted by Dale Anderson (Art Director), Phil Oshel (Technical Editor), and Renée Stratmoen (Advertising Director). Without seven successful years under their leadership, *MT* might not even be an MSA publication. Thanks, Ron.

What is different inside these covers? Many features remain the same: Stephen Carmichael's column (his 109th appears in this issue), *NetNotes* (edited by Thomas Phillips), *Dear Abbe* (correspondence handled by John Shields), *Microscopy 101*, and eight-to-ten articles covering all areas of microscopy. New aspects include a feature article that provides an overview of a topic of interest to practicing microscopists (MSA President-Elect Dave Piston supplied the feature article for this issue), a new column entitled *Microscopy Pioneers* (edited by Michael Davidson), and a column about *Microscopy Education* (edited by Steven Barlow).

A completely new feature is the *Microscopy Today* digital edition. Beginning with this issue, MT will be published simultaneously as an exact-replica digital edition. You may have seen other digital magazines, but MT's on-line presence will have a special feature. The reader will be able to adjust the page magnification continuously, overcoming an annoying difficulty with many digital magazines. Try it out at the MT website: www.microscopy-today.com.

Finally, I am announcing some new awards. *Microscopy Today* is sponsoring ten awards for the most innovative instruments or methods related to microscopy in a given year. The awards will be called the *MT-10 Awards*. Details about the submission process and deadlines will be given in the September issue.

Charles Lyman Editor-in-Chief

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