

From the Editor

What a Year!



What a year this has been! Even if you are not a member of the Microscopy Society of America, you may have noticed that some significant changes took place during 2009. This a good time to reflect on progress in the past year and look forward to deadlines for next year's events.

The Society has a new logo (on this cover), a new website, a new newsletter, and a new look for this magazine. Thomson/Reuters ISI ranked the Society's scientific journal, *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, the #1 microscopy journal in terms of Impact Factor. At the successful August M&M meeting in Richmond, VA, MSA President David J. Smith introduced the first group of MSA Fellows, a new award to honor the most influential people in the microscopy community. President Smith, Past-President Bill Gunning, President-Elect Dave Piston, the MSA Council, and the many committee members who worked on these projects deserve enormous credit for implementing these advancements.

Looking ahead, the next important deadline is for MSA award nominations: December 15. Eligibility for these awards may be found at the new MSA website: www.microscopy.org. Planning for the 2010 M&M meeting in Portland, OR, is well underway. The Call for Papers for the Portland meeting is packaged with this issue of *Microscopy Today*. As in years past, the most important date to remember for this meeting is the deadline for electronic submission of extended abstracts: February 15, 2010.

Finally, there are two deadlines that concern *Microscopy Today's* new MT-10 Awards for Innovations in Microscopy (described on this page in the September issue). Nominators of individuals for this award should submit by December 15 at the *Microscopy Today* website (click on the MT-10 box at the bottom) a letter of intent to submit a full application. The full application for the award is due by March 1. Ten MT-10 Award winners will be honored at M&M in Portland, August 1-5, 2010.

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