



# 33rd Annual Symposium Microscopical Society of Ireland

August 26-28 2009, University College Dublin  
Dublin, Ireland

## Trade Exhibition

An integral part of the Symposium programme is the trade exhibition, which will bring together manufacturers of all different kinds of microscopy equipment, as well as suppliers of accessories and consumables, preparation tools and image analysis systems. The trade exhibition will be housed in a large area (~250 m<sup>2</sup>) directly adjoining the Symposium lecture theatre together with the poster exhibition.

## Symposium Fee

Symposium fees include 12-month Membership of MSI, admittance to Scientific Sessions, Abstract Book, welcome reception, coffee breaks and Symposium dinner. A reduced fee will be offered for students (proof of status required). A fee reduction will also be offered for early registration (deadline July 2009).

Fee Structure	Early	Late
Student (Presenting)	€100	€125
Student (Non-Presenting)	€125	€150
Non-Student	€150	€175
Corporate	€275	€300
Symposium Dinner (Guest/Partner)	€50	

## Scientific Committee

**Alexander Black**  
NUI, Galway

**George Burke**  
University of Ulster, Jordanstown

**Ian Fairweather**  
Queen's University, Belfast

**Fiona Lyng**  
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Queen's University, Belfast

**David Cottell**  
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**Thomas Flanagan**  
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NUI, Galway

**David Tanner**  
University of Limerick

**Brendan Wilkins**  
NUI, Galway

## Local Organising Committee

**David Cottell**  
University College Dublin

**Tiina Toivonen**  
University College Dublin

**Thomas Flanagan**  
University College Dublin

## Quick Info

**Venue** Astra Hall, Student Centre,  
University College Dublin, Belfield,  
Dublin 4

**On-site Registration** August 26, 2009, 11:00-13:30  
at the venue

**Registration** <http://www.nuigalway.ie/msi>

### Important Dates:

**Abstract Submission Deadline** July 3, 2009

**Notification of Acceptance** July 10, 2009

**Early Registration** July 17, 2009

**Symposium** August 26-28, 2009

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# First Announcement and Call for Abstracts



## Welcome

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium of the Microscopical Society of Ireland (MSI), to be held from August 26-28, 2009 at University College Dublin. The MSI is a multi-disciplinary, all-island learned society which concerns itself with all aspects of microscopy. The main aim of the society is to foster discussion and cooperation between those who use any form of microscopy in their work, whether this be in the academic or the industrial world. The Annual Symposium is a unique opportunity for researchers at all levels to be exposed to new and innovative ideas which transcend traditional academic and industrial boundaries. Keynote lectures will give overviews on exciting new developments and state-of-the-art research in the field and will be delivered by leading experts. Historically, the Symposium has provided an excellent forum for young researchers (particularly at postgraduate level) to present their data and findings at a conference. We will continue to foster this very strongly as this is one of the few meetings in Ireland where PhD students of very disparate backgrounds can engage in scientific debate. We look forward to welcoming you in Dublin in August 2009 and to a very successful and rewarding MSI Symposium.

Your sincerely,

*Symposium Chairpersons*

*David Cottell  
Thomas Flanagan*

## Topics

Abstract submissions for either poster or oral communications in any area of research involving microscopy are invited, particularly in the areas of Life and Material Sciences. The Annual Symposium is conducted in a relaxed, semiformal environment, and provides the ideal platform for students, especially those who have yet to experience a scientific meeting for the first time.

## Student Prizes

Student prizes of €250 are awarded for the Best Student Oral Presentation and Best Student Poster Presentation in both the Life and Material Sciences.

## Symposium Venue

With over 150 years of proud tradition, University College Dublin is the largest university in Ireland. Over 22,000 students and 1,000 academics study and research in the beautiful, leafy campus 4 kilometres to the south of the centre of Dublin city. The Astra Hall is the largest seating hall in the University campus.



## Accommodation

A block of 20 rooms on the University College Dublin campus (Merville Village) has been reserved for Symposium participants within walking distance of the Symposium venue. The room price is € 40 per night in a shared four bedroom apartment. Hotel reservation information will be available on the conference website.

## Social Programme

The social programme will include a wine reception, Symposium dinner and table quiz. Additional tickets to the Symposium dinner are also available for partners/guests of delegates.

## Call for Abstracts

The deadline for abstract submission is **July 3, 2009**. The scientific committee welcomes submissions of original work for both oral and poster presentations.

Accepted abstracts will be published in *InFocus*, the official publication of the Royal Microscopical Society.

Please visit the conference website for abstract preparation guidelines and online submission.

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/msi>

Registration for the Symposium includes 12-month membership of MSI.

## Preliminary Schedule

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 26, 2009</b>
11:00 - 13:30	Registration
13:30 - 14:30	Keynote Lecture
14:30 - 15:30	Podium Presentations
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:00	Keynote Lecture
17:00 - 18:00	Podium Presentations
18:00 - 20:00	Reception
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 27, 2009</b>
09:00 - 10:00	Keynote Lecture
10:00 - 11:00	Podium Presentations
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:50	Podium Presentations
12:50 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	Keynote Lecture
14:30 - 15:30	Podium Presentations
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:00	Keynote Lecture
17:00 - 18:00	Poster Session
20:00	Symposium Dinner
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 28, 2009</b>
09:00 - 10:00	Keynote Lecture
10:00 - 11:00	Podium Presentations
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:30	Podium Presentations
13:30	MSI Annual General Meeting

## Invited Speakers (Confirmed)

**Prof. Kenneth Dawson**  
University College Dublin

**Dr. Gareth Griffiths**  
University of Oslo

**Dr. Colm O'Dwyer**  
University of Limerick

**Prof. Jeremy Simpson**  
University College Dublin

**Prof. Yuri Volkov**  
Trinity College Dublin/St. James' Hospital