



Southern California Society for Microscopy & Microanalysis

Fall Meeting

Thursday
November 8, 2012

Featured Speaker:
Dr. Dan Lewis
The Huntington Library

Thinking Small: Rare History of Microscopy Books at the Huntington Library

Venue:

Burger Continental
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Registration & RSVP:

Advance registration is required. **Registrations are due no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, November 2, 2012.** You may register by contacting Mark Armitage by email at mark.armitage@csun.edu or by phone at 818-677-4575 (leave message). Please state how many will be attending.

FROM THE



DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2012 / 2013 season of the Southern California Society for Microscopy and Microanalysis. We have two meetings planned for this year – in November and March.

At our fall meeting, after having been involved with the Society (discontinuously) for thirty years, I will be handing over the Presidency of the SCSMM to Sergey Prikhodko, our current VP, Physical Sciences. I will be leaving Southern California to take up a new career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton OH. I joined the, then, Southern California Society for Electron

Microscopy and the Microanalysis Society of Southern California when I joined USC in 1982 and within a few years held board positions with both societies. I was an infrequent attendee of meetings while I raised a family and got more involved again once my daughter was driving and no longer needed a chauffeur!

I have enjoyed organizing three recent March All-Day Symposia almost as much as I enjoyed not organizing the Symposia that Krassimir Bozilov organized in 2011. But I am particularly pleased that for my last meeting with SCSMM we will have Dr. Dan Lewis of the Huntington Library, talking about the microscopes and historic microscopy books in the Huntington collection. One Sunday afternoon, three years ago, I visited the scientific instrument collection at the Huntington and was amazed to see original Van Leuwenhoek microscopes and an original copy of Robert Hooke's *Micrographia*. If you have the opportunity to visit the Huntington before our meeting, I recommend it.

Our Society is going through some changes. We have new board members along with some very long serving old members. And we have some open positions. I encourage you to consider joining the board to take up one of the open positions.

One opportunity to commit to joining our board will be at the business meeting on November 8.

John Porter, President

In memoriam – Pat Campos

Pat Campos, a long-time supporter of our society, died unexpectedly over the Labor Day weekend after a short illness. Pat, our local sales representative for Oxford Instruments, was known to most of us as a regular presenter of everything new coming out of Oxford Instruments. Pat never lost his enthusiasm for his company's products. Indeed that came across strongly whether he spoke to an audience or whether he cornered you in a convention hallway. But he was also a friend. I realized I had known Pat for about 30 years, and we always found an excuse to talk when our paths crossed. And I have to say, I always looked up to Pat – he was at least six inches taller than I am! But, more seriously, he was a larger than life character and will be missed.

John Porter

Meeting Schedule

Please allow additional time for parking – see directions on next page.

5:30 PM Happy Hour

6:30 PM Dinner

A continental buffet will be served. Includes salad, both meat and vegetarian entrée, dessert and beverage.

Dinner for this meeting is being sponsored by [Diatome and EMS](#).

7:30 PM Business Meeting

Nominations & Election of New Board

Remembering Pat Campos

[Oxford Instruments](#) will be providing wine for a toast in memory of Pat.

Our tribute is also being sponsored by [JEOL USA Inc](#), [Gatan Inc](#), and [Hitachi High Technology](#).

8:00 PM Scientific Program

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Dan Lewis, *The Huntington Library*

Cost

The “cost” to attend the meeting is the price of membership in SCSMM. Registration for membership in SCSMM is on an annual basis, with all registrations currently due. Annual membership fees are as follows:

Corporate \$100

Regular \$25

Student \$10

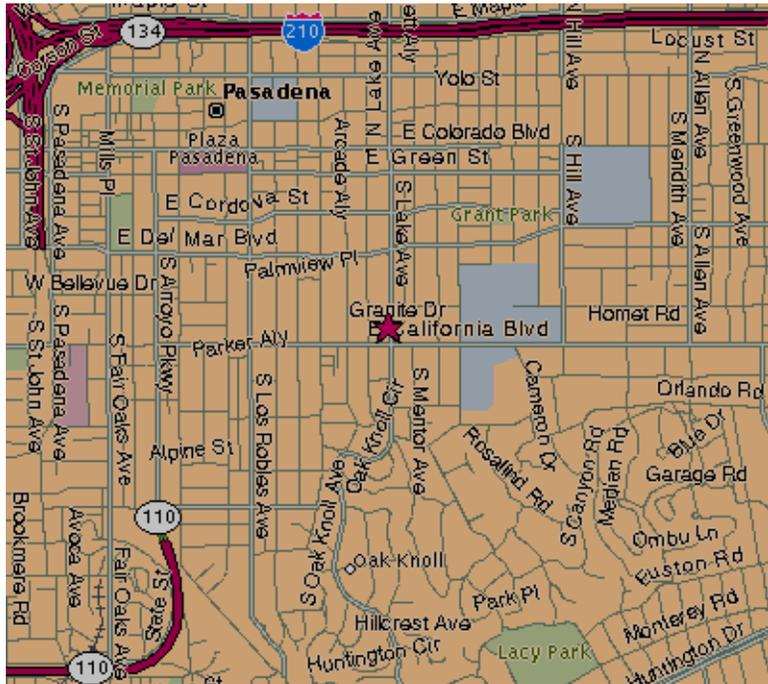
Please see the Membership Registration form included in this newsletter.

You will note that there is an increase in the dues for this year. Please be aware that SCSMM has not increased its dues in over 20 years. Please also be aware that members are not being asked to pay for the meals at our meetings. Both of these have been possible due to the generous support of our vendor sponsors. However, even with that support, we now find it necessary to increase the dues to cover the cost of the meetings.

Any updates to the meeting details will be posted to the SCSMM website at
www.scsmm.org

Directions and Parking:

Burger Continental is located on Lake Ave just north of California Blvd. From the 210 Fwy (either direction), exit at Lake Ave and go south to California Blvd. From the 110 Fwy, continue on Arroyo Pkwy to California Blvd and turn right. Parking is available in the center area of the Pavilions parking lot on California Blvd. Please note that the parking spaces around the perimeter of the lot are for short-term parking only. Additional parking is available on the side streets west of Lake Ave. The side streets have 2-hour parking until 6:00 PM after which there is no limit. **Please allow extra time for parking.**



Thinking Small: Rare History of Microscopy Books at the Huntington Library

Dr. Dan Lewis

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Abstract

Dr. Lewis will discuss the Huntington's history of microscopy rare books, beginning with Francesco Fontana's 1646 book and its strong associations to microscopy, covering Robert Hooke's landmark 1665 *Micrographia*, and continuing up to microscopy works through the late nineteenth century at the Huntington.

Biography

Currently Dr. Lewis is the Dibner Senior Curator for the History of Science, Medicine and Technology at the Huntington Library. He has been there for 15 years. In 2008 he mounted an exhibit that won the American Association of Museums' Grand Prize, as the best exhibit in America that year. Dr. Lewis has just published a book about the study of birds at the end of the 19th century (Yale Univ. Press; <http://yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks/reviews.asp?isbn=9780300175523>); he is now hard at work on a new book project (an environmental history of Hawaiian birds). He teaches at Claremont Graduate University and USC, mostly in their respective History departments.



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