

2018 Highlights



Events

The RMS held 22 meetings and courses in 2018.

These included courses for Light Microscopy, Electron Microscopy, Flow Cytometry, Confocal Microscopy and Super-Resolution.

Other Meetings and workshops included LM Facility Managers, EM-UK, Flow Cytometry Facility Managers, EBSD, ToScA UK, flowcytometryUK, SPM and Frontiers in Biolmaging.

Over 1500 delegates attended our events in 2018. We were supported by over 100 exhibiting companies.

Outreach Events

One of the year's highly successful public outreach events supported by the RMS was April's Big Bang @ Weston Science and Engineering Festival at Weston-super-Mare.

More than 2,500 people attended over two days, including at least 1,600 children. The RMS was among more than 40 exhibitors, and our school binocular microscopes were a big hit with children, teachers and parents. One of the microscopes was given as a prize for competition winners Staplegrave Primary School from Taunton.

It was also The RMS's third time at the popular Lyme Regis Fossil Festival. Our Microscope Activity Kit stand drew around 450 visitors.



MAKs

Our Microscope Activity Kits continue to be very popular and we are now taking bookings for Spring 2020. We now have Kits based in Guernsey, Scotland and Ireland. Since the MAKs were launched they have been used by over 86,000 children.

Qualifications

We have six candidates currently working on the DipRMS qualification and a further five have already received their Diploma since the qualification was launched.

New Honorary Fellows

Two new Honorary Fellowships were approved and awarded in 2018:
Dame Professor Pratibha Gai
Dr Joachim Frank

Patrons

We welcomed two new Patrons at the end of 2017, and we're looking forward to working closer with them over the coming years. They are:
Ilorra Finlay, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff
Julia King, Baroness Brown of Cambridge

BiolmagingUK

A proposal has been made to the BBSRC, with support from the RMS, for a half time post, to move BiolmagingUK forward. It is hoped that this will be approved by the end of the year, and recruitment will start in the new year.

Facilities Database

The RMS Facilities Database has continued to be developed and now includes flow cytometry. This is becoming the 'go to' list to access Imaging and cytometry facilities both UK and **worldwide**.

www.rms.org.uk/facilities-database/

Bursaries and Studentships

We provided five Summer Studentships in 2018. This scheme is proving to be very successful, and we can see it growing more in the future.

24 RMS Travel Bursaries have been awarded this year. Bursary recipients attended a host of events including IMCI9 in Sydney, ELM1 2018 Dublin, Focus on Microscopy 2018 in Singapore.

Journal of Microscopy

In June this year Professor Pete Nellist took over from Professor Tony Wilson as General Editor of the Journal of Microscopy. Alongside this we will see some changes in our scientific editors and editorial board in the coming months as a number of members step down and are replaced. We extend our thanks to Tony, and all those who have contributed to the Journal of Microscopy.



infocus

As you may have noticed **infocus** went through a redesign at the start of the year as well as celebrating its 50th issue in the Summer. We have continued to publish a wide range of articles and reports but are always on the lookout for new material. If you are interested in writing for **infocus** please get in touch.



Abbe Letters

The successful scanning of the Abbe and Stephenson correspondence took place this year, and now discussions are underway for how these will be available in the future. We'll have more news in the New Year!

Looking ahead to 2019

2019 is already shaping up to be a busy year, starting off with the Facility Manager Meetings in January, our regular courses, and of course, mmc2019 on 1 – 4 July 2019 in Manchester!

We look forward to serving the microscopy community and to meeting many of you at events throughout 2018.

Allison Winton
Chief Executive