



BSM - Belgian Society for Microscopy
 BVM - Belgische Vereniging voor Microscopie
 SBM - Société belge de Microscopie

The goal of the BSM is to promote research and applications of microscopy in Belgium, and to encourage and support interactions between microscopists within Belgium, and abroad.

The Society started many years ago as an Electron Microscopy Society, but has expanded its field to include all fields of advanced microscopy, such as Scanning Probe Microscopy, Optical Microscopy, Confocal techniques, and Image Analysis.

The BSM is one of the few truly Belgian societies, and both Dutch and French are used; general communications use English as the common academic language. The BSM has about 200 members from academia and industry labs, and ca. 23 corporate members.

The BSM organizes meetings, provides support for symposia and workshops, and provides travel grants and awards.

Meetings organized and/or sponsored by the BSM

2009

SEM under Pressure,
 Symposium on Low-Vacuum, Variable Pressure and Environmental SEM
 Diegem, Tuesday May 26, 2009

BSM Annual Meeting & General Assembly,
 Gent, Saturday November 21

Themes:

Life Sciences: "Imaging of Life and Death"
 Materials Sciences: "Imaging, Measurement and Manipulation at Nanolevels"

Proposals for Symposia are welcome!

(v. March 2009)

Other BSM Activities

Travel Support

Support for young researchers to present their work at international microscopy meetings, or to attend microscopy related workshops and seminars

Awards

- (1) Best PhD thesis (three awards, in Life Sciences, Physics/Material Sciences and/or Instrumentation)
- (2) Best contribution at a BSM meeting.
- (3) Best Micrograph (coming soon)

Support for Symposia and Workshops

Financial and organizational support to organizers of workshops and symposia on microscopy and related applications, both in material sciences/physics and in life sciences.

Membership

- (1) Individual Membership
 (18 €/year, includes EMS membership)
- (2) Group membership (at a reduced fee)
- (3) Corporate Membership (125 €/year)

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