



PROGRAM IN A NUTSHELL

- 1** Introduction to electron microscopy: Basic principles and microscope types; Ultrastructure interpretation;
- 2** Transmission electron microscopy, TEM: Principles and applications;
- 3** Sample preparation for morphological study: Sample types; chemistry-morphology correlation; new methods;
- 4** Scanning electron microscopy, SEM: Principles, sample preparation and elemental analysis.

PARTICIPANTS

Graduate students and researchers interested in the field of electron microscopy. No previous experience in the field is required.

REGISTRATION

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AND BIOLOGICAL
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OF SCANNING
AND TRANSMISSION
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INTRODUCTION

Electron microscopy methods allow the visualization of nano (< 100nm) sized objects, that include in biological sciences, all the cellular ultrastructure, comprising molecular machines such as viruses, ribosomes etc.

This possibility, enabled by robust and reliable sample preparation methods, turn the Electron Microscope into a powerful and unique tool for the study of diverse biomedical problems.

The role of microscopy as “the eyes of the researcher” cannot be underestimated as demonstrated by the continued importance of old and new microscopy methods. Electron microscopy is an opened window to macromolecular structure, combining structural and molecular information, in a unique way.



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- 09:00 / Registration
- 09:30 / **Breaking the resolution limit of visible light**
Basic principles of electron optics
- 11:00 / Coffee break
- 11:30 / **Distinct electron microscopes and their evolution**
- 13:00 / Lunch
- 14:30 / **Sample types for ultrastructural examination**
- 16:00 / Coffee break
- 16:30 / **The interpretation of ultrastructure**

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- 09:30 / **Transmission electron microscope**
main principles of functioning
- 11:00 / Coffee break
- 11:30 / **Sample preparation for TEM**
- 13:00 / Lunch
- 14:30 / **Applications: cells and tissues analysis**
- 16:00 / Coffee break
- 16:30 / **Applications: study of viruses and nanoparticles**

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- 09:30 / **Scanning electron microscope**
main principles of functioning
- 11:00 / Coffee break
- 11:30 / **SEM: Sample preparation Examples**
and applications
- 13:00 / Lunch
- 14:30 / **Image interpretation in TEM and SEM**
- 16:00 / Coffee break
- 16:30 / **Chemistry-morphology correlation in TEM**
Cytochemistry and immunocytochemistry

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- 09:30 / **SEM Elemental analysis and applications**
- 11:00 / Coffee break
- 11:30 / **New methodologies for tomography**
and criomicroscopy
- 13:00 / Lunch
- 14:30 / **Round Table¹** (Room 2)
- 16:00 / Coffee break
- 16:30 / **Training laboratory²: Group 1** (Room 1)
Exercises³: Groups 2 and 3 (Room 2)

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- 09:30 / **Training laboratory: Group 2²** (Room 1)
Exercises³: Groups 1 and 3 (Room 2)
- 11:00 / Coffee break
- 11:30 / **Training laboratory: Group 3²** (Room 1)
Exercises³: Groups 1 and 2 (Room 2)
- 13:00 / Lunch
- 14:30 / **Round Table⁴** (Room 2)
- 16:00 / Coffee break
- 16:30 / **Examination⁵** (Room 2)

¹ Round-table discussion (Group 1+2+3).

² Practical session demonstration, using the TM 3030 Plus Microscope, Hitachi. Sessions will be restricted to max 5 trainees.

³ Exercises for image interpretation

⁴ Round-table final discussion (Group 1+2+3).

⁵ The exam is optional for accreditation of 3 ECTS