This image shows the junction between two electrocytes in the weakly electric knifefish, Eigenmannia. The posterior end of the electrocyte (lavender) is highly vascularized and deeply invaginated, while the anterior side of the electrocyte (green) is more lobular and forms a socket-like structure that encloses the posterior end. The electrocytes themselves are massive macroscopic cells that are 1mm in length, 600 µm wide and 600 µm deep. This image was taken of the autofluorescence of dermal tissue fixed in PFA. The image was taken on a Leica SP8 scanning confocal microscope using a 25x/0.95NA dipping objective.
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Dear OMS Members:

Our 2014 Spring Workshop is fast approaching. If you have not yet registered, I strongly encourage you to do so and join us on April 4 on the campus of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma. You can register online at https://www.regonline.com/oms2014. As noted in my previous letter, this will be the return of the OMS meeting to the Noble Foundation. Thus, in addition to technical talks and interaction with various microscopy vendors, you will have an opportunity to take optional tours of major microscopy, scientific, and growth facilities on Ardmore campus.

Our keynote speaker is Professor Thomas E. Phillips, Director of the Molecular Cytology Core, University of Missouri. Professor Phillips is a leader in the field of advanced optical imaging, and he will share some of his unique study on mucosal epithelial cells using bright field microscopy, wide-field and confocal immunocytochemistry and electron microscopy, in combination with biochemical and molecular genetic techniques, to study mucosal cell biology in the conjunctiva and intestinal tract. As we continue to witness a revolution in light and electron microscopy, I believe the topic of this workshop “Correlative Microscopy: Bridging Light and Electron Microscopy” is both timely and relevant. We will also have two short presentations by representatives from Leica and Hitachi on the emerging field of super-resolution 3D imaging and correlative microscopy techniques. Although the focus of this meeting will be on applications for the biological sciences, I am convinced that you will find applications to any field of research.

For our “Kids Night with a Microscope” event which will be held on the evening of April 3, a group of 4 and 5th grade students from the Oak Hall Episcopal School will have the opportunity to operate a Tabletop Scanning Electron Microscope with OMS and Hitachi representatives.

This promises to be an exciting meeting, and I am truly looking forward to meeting you in Ardmore in early next month!

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Our keynote speaker, Professor Thomas E. Phillips, Director of the Molecular Cytology Core, University of Missouri, will be discussing his use of multiple microscopy techniques in combination with biochemical and molecular genetic techniques, to study mucosal cell biology. Talks will also include presentations by representatives from Leica and Hitachi on the emerging field of super-resolution 3D imaging and correlative microscopy techniques. Tours will be available of the facilities on the Samuel Roberts Noble Ardmore campus.

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who make the images that are the heart of the contest
Tulsa University—Paige Johnson
Oklahoma State University—Lisa Whitworth
University of Oklahoma—Preston Larson
Teacher Johnna Robinson with Christian Miller and the 4th grade class that voted & reported on their Ugly Bug.

Christian Miller collected the moth for his class. Microscopes, Cowboys, the other Cowboys, Posters, and Longhorns (school mascot) – What more could one want? It was a great day at Inola Elementary.
OKLAHOMA MICROSCOPY SOCIETY (OMS)
2014 SPRING WORKSHOP

Correlative Microscopy - Bridging Light and Electron Microscopy

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (includes lunch)
Friday, April 4
Noble Foundation Kruse Auditorium
Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Professor Thomas E. Phillips, Director of the Molecular Cytology Core,
University of Missouri, will be the keynote speaker

Other Activities
• Optional tours of the Noble Foundation campus
• Kids night with a microscope – April 3 (5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Dear Oak Hall Students,

You are invited to attend the Noble Foundation’s Kids Night With a Microscope. During your visit you will explore the microscopic organisms found in pond water and soil, and you will have the opportunity to use a scanning electron microscope with a Noble Foundation scientist. Bring your own specimen (bug, snake skin, apple peel, blade of grass, cookie crumb, etc.) to examine with the same microscope that Noble Foundation scientists use when conducting world-class plant science research. Prizes will be awarded for the best specimen. Your parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with you. Pizza dinner will be provided for the entire family.

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3
Noble Foundation
Kruse Auditorium
OMS Spring Meeting Program

Correlative Microscopy – Bridging the Light and Electron Microscopy

Oklahoma Microscopy Society (OMS) 2014 Spring Workshop

Schedule

Thursday, April 3
5:30 pm  Kids Night with a Microscope
          Kruse Auditorium
          Frank Hardin & OMS Members
7:30 pm  OMS Executive Meeting
          Conference Center

Friday, April 4
8:00 am  Registration
          Kruse Auditorium
          Scotty Phelps & Tracy Cumbie
9:00 am  Opening Remarks
          Jin Nakashima – Noble Foundation
9:15 am  Topic #1
          Dr. Chris Vega – Leica Microsystems
10:00 am Break
10:15 am Antigen-sampling M Cells in the Conjunctiva: Using Microscopy to Find an Old Friend in an Unexpected Place
          Thomas E. Phillips – University of Missouri
          Keynote Speaker
11:15 am A Streamlined Technique to Examine Cell Monolayers by means of Correlative Light and Transmission Electron Microscopy
          Barbara L. Armbruster, – Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc.
11:45 am Lunch & Tradeshow (continued until 4:00 pm)
          Forage Building Atrium
1:15 pm Optional Afternoon Activities
          • Core Facilities Tour
            • Greenhouse Tour
            • Cellular Imaging Facility Tour
            • Live Imaging Cell Demonstration
          Yuhong Tung, David Huhman
          David McSweeney
          Jin Nakashima
          Elison Blancaflor
2:15 pm Optional Afternoon Activities
          • Core Facilities Tour
            • Greenhouse Tour
            • Cellular Imaging Facility Tour
            • Live Imaging Cell Demonstration
          Yuhong Tung, David Huhman
          David McSweeney
          Jin Nakashima
          Elison Blancaflor
3:15 pm Reception & Tradeshow (Beer, Wine, Snacks)
          Forage Building Atrium
4:00 pm End OMS Workshop
Correlative Microscopy – Bridging the Light and Electron Microscopy

OMS 2014 Spring Workshop
Friday, April 04, 2014 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Key Note Speaker
Antigen-sampling M Cells in the Conjunctiva:
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Professor Thomas E. Phillips
Director of the Molecular Cytology Core
University of Missouri

Payment Instructions
*Lunch is included in your registration fee. *
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Direction to Spring Meeting

Ardmore Area Map
Noble Foundation Campus Map

1. Administration
2. Agricultural Research
3. Agricultural Division
4. Kruse Auditorium
5. Library
6. Plant Biology Division
7. Cafeteria
8. Lablink
9. Headhouse (Greenhouse)
10. Greenhouses
11. Forage Improvement Division
12. Wellness Center
13. Quadraxplex
14. Plant Operations
15. Utility Services Center
16. Horticultural Center/Hoophouses
17. Shipping and Receiving
19. Farmhouse
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21. Conference Center
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OMS 2014 Spring Meeting Key Note Speaker

Antigen-sampling M cells in the conjunctiva: Using microscopy to find an old friend in an unexpected place
Professor Thomas E. Phillips, Director of the Molecular Cytology Core, University of Missouri

Abstract

Antigen sampling M cells (membranous epithelial cells) are present in the follicle associated epithelium (FAE) of many mucosae but their presence in the conjunctiva was controversial. M cells play a key role in the initiation of the mucosal immune response by sampling antigens and translocating them to underlying lymphocytes and antigen-presenting cells. In addition, M cells represent a site of entry for opportunistic pathogens such as Shigella, Salmonella, and HIV. Our laboratory has used a combination of stereo, wide-field, and confocal fluorescent microscopy and transmission and scanning electron microscopy to demonstrate that the FAE of the Guinea pig and rabbit conjunctiva contain M cells with morphological and functional characteristics similar to those in other mucosae.

Bio

Dr. Tomas Phillips received his B.Sc. in Chemistry from Indiana University-Bloomington, a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Northwestern University, and did his postdoctoral training in Anatomy & Cell Biology at Harvard Medical School. He is a Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Missouri. He is also Director of the campus-wide light microscopy imaging facility. In addition to his work on the ocular mucosa, Tom has worked on quick-freezing of synapses, differentiation of intestinal cell lines, intracellular trafficking in transgenic plants and liver cells, and bacterial interactions with mucosal tissues.
A Streamlined Technique to Examine Cell monolayers by means of Correlative Light and Transmission Electron Microscopy

Dr. Barbara Armbruster
Hitachi High Technologies America Inc.

Abstract

A CLEM protocol is described for embedding cell monolayers on gridded glass bottom live imaging dishes after imaging transfected GFP-tagged proteins by means of laser scanning confocal microscopy (LSCM). This streamlined, low cost method allows rapid EM processing without equipment beyond what is standard for LSCM and TEM labs. LSCM imaging and specimen preparation for TEM are completed in the same culture dish without transfer of samples. The method is extremely useful for GFP-labeled organelles in culture and could conceivably be applied to structure/function studies of organelle trafficking or biogenesis.

Bio

Barbara Armbruster is the Senior Product Marketing Manager at Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc. Dr. Armbruster received her Ph.D. from Duke University and completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Biozentrum, University of Basel and Washington University Medical School. Dr. Armbruster managed the TEM lab at the Central Analytical Facility of Monsanto Company before accepting product manager positions with Gatan and JEOL, Inc.. An imaging specialist with a varied background in biological and materials science transmission electron, scanning probe and light microscopy, Dr. Armbruster is an expert in low temperature microscopy and digital imaging by means of transmission electron microscopy.
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For Students . . .

Best Micrograph Contest

SUBMIT YOUR BEST "PRIZE-WINNING" MICROGRAPH TO THE OMS STUDENT MICROGRAPH CONTEST. STUDENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

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1st Prize = $100 and cover of Fall Newsletter
2nd Prize = $50
Article I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma Microscopy Society. The acronym shall be OMS. OMS is a non-profit organization.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of OMS shall be the advancement of the science of microscopy in Oklahoma and nationally by:

- encouraging the dissemination of knowledge of microscopy including its technology and instrumentation.
- promoting the free exchange of ideas and data among interested individuals and
- encouraging interdisciplinary interaction between microscopists.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Types:

Regular membership shall be open to any person who has an interest in microscopy.

Corporate membership shall be open to any commercial or non-profit organization that has an interest in microscopy. A member organization may designate one representative to receive all privileges of membership. Other members of the same organization may become regular members.

Honorary membership may be given to a person named an Honorary member by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Enrollment: Any eligible person or organization may make application for membership to the Executive Committee of OMS. Completed application forms shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of OMS with one year’s dues.

Section 3. Privileges: All members have the right to vote at any business meetings held by OMS and to hold elective office.
Section 4. **Dues:**

Annual dues shall be five dollars for Regular membership for students, fifteen dollars for Regular membership for non-students, and fifty dollars for Corporate membership.

Dues shall become payable on July 1 of each year for the following twelve months.

Any member that is delinquent in payment of dues for a period of six months shall be dropped from membership. Members thus dropped may be reinstated thereafter by paying one year’s delinquent dues and the current year’s dues.

**Article IV. MEETINGS**

At least one business meeting per year shall be held. The time(s) and place(s) of such meetings shall be designated by the Executive Committee and duly announced. Business meetings shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Article V. OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of OMS shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Member-at Large for Biological Sciences, a Member-at Large for Physical Sciences, and a Member-at Large for student members. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Section 2. Duties:

a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and business meetings of the OMS and promote the interests of OMS both within the state and nationally.

b. The President-Elect shall assist the President, substitute for him/her when necessary, perform any duties assigned by the President and be responsible for organizing the regular spring workshop/seminar.

c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain records of OMS and communicate with members. This officer shall be custodian of OMS funds, collect all dues, notify members delinquent in membership and account for OMS funds in accordance with accepted business practice.

d. Members-at-Large shall represent their respective constituents.
Section 3. **Term of Office**:

The President, President-Elect, and Members-at-Large shall each serve for one year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for two consecutive years beginning July 1 and ending July 30 of the second following year.

Section 4. **Election**: Officers shall be elected as prescribed in Article VII of these bylaws.

Section 5. **Vacancies**: If the President cannot serve, the President-Elect shall immediately succeed to that office. If the President-Elect or any other officer cannot serve for any reason, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to serve pro tem in the vacant office. Any such appointed officer shall be replaced by one duly elected at the next annual election in May.

**Article VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. **Composition**: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of OMS, plus the Newsletter Editor ex officio who shall be without vote.

Section 2. **Duties**:

The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of OMS as specified herein and otherwise as necessary, and shall advise the membership on matters concerning the management of OMS. It shall appoint the Newsletter Editor.

The Executive Committee shall hold not fewer than two meetings annually, on call of the President or a majority of its members.

**Article VII. ELECTIONS**

Section 1. Nominations of officers except the President shall be made by a nominating Committee appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. This Committee shall consist of five persons, at least one of whom is from the field of Biological Sciences and one from the field of Physical Sciences. Nominations may be solicited from the membership at any time.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of consenting candidates (two for each office) to the President prior to the spring general business meeting. The President and Secretary-Treasurer shall announce this list to the membership at the spring general business meeting. Additional nominations of persons willing to serve may be solicited from the floor at this time.
Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare and mail ballots to all members by May 15 and shall accept ballots until May 31.

Section 4. Ballots shall be counted by at least two Executive Committee members and may be reviewed by the entire board if deemed necessary. In each case the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. Any tie shall be resolved by vote of the combined Executive and Nominating Committees. Results shall be announced by the Secretary-Treasurer at the next business meeting or by mail to all members.

Article VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEE

The President shall appoint ad hoc committees as necessary or helpful in managing affairs of OMS. Committee members shall be considered automatically discharged at the end of the appointing President’s term of office unless the new President specifically requests that they continue. The committee itself shall continue until its purpose has been fulfilled or it is dissolved by vote of the executive board or the membership at large.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments may be suggested at any OMS business meeting. However, amendments to these bylaws may be formally proposed in only two methods:

By the Executive Committee or

By petition of ten percent of the members.

Section 2. The proposed amendment shall then be promptly submitted by mail to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer, along with the signed statement of reasons for support and/or opposition. Returned ballots shall be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer for three weeks after the date of mailing. The Executive Committee shall count the ballots and the amendment(s) shall be declared ratified if a two-thirds majority of the votes cast is favorable.

Section 3. Any member who so desires may be present at the counting of such ballots.

Article X. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the OMS, upon the discharge of all its debts and obligations, any remaining assets shall be given to such tax-exempt scientific organization as the Executive Committee may determine. In no case shall any assets be used for the direct benefit of any member of OMS.
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