On behalf of the sponsoring societies, we are excited to welcome you to St. Louis, Missouri for Microscopy & Microanalysis 2017! The theme of the M&M 2017 meeting is “Anniversaries.” The Microscopy Society of America and the Microanalysis Society, which established the joint M&M meeting format more than twenty years ago, are celebrating their 75th and 50th anniversaries, respectively. In addition, the M&M meeting is cosponsored for the first time by the International Field Emission Society to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the invention of the atom probe.

We are excited to offer special anniversary programming this year! Anniversary lectures by pioneering figures in microscopy and microanalysis are featured in special morning and midday sessions. You’ll be able to hear about the development and future prospects for instrumentation and techniques that are at the forefront of our field today, while enjoying some complimentary coffee and a breakfast item. MSA’s Student Council will be hosting an inaugural pre-meeting event on Saturday that will treat attendees to a sampling of the best work, across scientific disciplines, presented at the meeting by early career scientists.

The technical program kicks off with our annual Monday morning plenary session, featuring the major awards ceremonies for the sponsoring societies, the M&M meeting awards, and two exciting plenary talks by Eric Betzig, winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry “for the development of super-resolved fluorescence microscopy,” and Keith Riles, a member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration that in 2015 detected gravitational waves, a prediction of Einstein’s theory of general relativity. The Exhibition Hall opens at noon, and is the largest annual exhibition in the field showcasing the latest state-of-the-art instrumentation and accessories in microscopy and microanalysis. M&M 2017 will provide you with the opportunity to stay abreast of the latest new technologies, hear the latest developments in the techniques and applications of all areas of microscopy and microanalysis, and most importantly network with colleagues.