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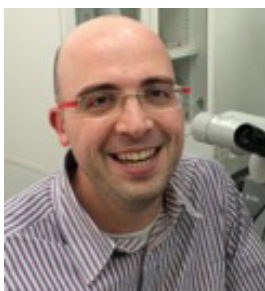
Microscopy, Nanoscopy and Imaging Sciences

Part of the training programme of the Master of Multidisciplinary Research in Experimental Sciences

Advanced microscopy techniques have nowadays become essential tools in experimental sciences and fundamental for top-level research. Technological developments at all levels in microscopy (from sample preparation to signal detection and data processing) have become more and more sophisticated, bringing with them opportunities to tackle questions which previously could not be approached. Furthermore, the combination of such advances with robotics have allowed for the appearance of automated microscopes capable of performing systematic and repetitive tasks, such as screening libraries.

In the last decades we have certainly seen an unprecedented evolution in the field, including shifting from a micro scale to both macro and atomic scales or from postmortem characterization to in vivo measurement of biological samples and in-situ measurements of nanomaterials. We are now thus able, for example, to observe the movement of cells inside an organism, resolve molecules and watch processes at the nano and atomic-scales in real time, determine the chemical and physical properties of nanostructures or follow in vivo the development of an embryo for hours!

As new scientific challenges are met, the technologies continue to be developed, both as a cause and a consequence of the research activities. **An exciting and continuously developing field, microscopy is nowadays a “must know” for anyone interested in following a career in experimental sciences.**



“ Because *SEEING* the world is understanding... and understanding builds the knowledge of our society. ”

Jordi Arbiol

ICREA Professor and Group Leader at ICN2
Coordinator of the Winter School

Syllabus: During this intensive Winter School (worth 5 ECTS), theoretical classes (lectures and research seminars) will be combined with hands-on training activities in specific experimental techniques, broadly covering the following topics:

Optical Microscopy
Electron Microscopy
Scanning Probe Microscopy
Raman Imaging and Spectroscopy
Imaging Technology and approaches in Astrophysics / Cosmology

The final day will be devoted to a closing seminar, including short talks and discussions on all of the previous topics, featuring both internal and invited experts in the various fields.

By the end of the Winter School, the dedicated student should have:

- Acquired general knowledge in advanced microscopy, nanoscopy and imaging techniques currently being used in experimental sciences
- Developed minimal hands-on practical and technical skills in specific experimental techniques
- Gained experience working in groups

Team and Location: The Winter School is hosted by the BIST research centres, with the location rotating each year depending on the topic. This year ICFO will host the workshop, with input from IRB Barcelona, CRG, ICN2, IBEC and IFAE researchers. Practical training will be undertaken at each centre to take advantage of their research and training facilities.

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Lecturers: Aitor Mugarza (ICN2); Belén Ballesteros (ICN2); Cesar Moreno (ICN2); Christian Neissner (PIC); Daniel Kerzberg (IFAE); Emilio Gualda (ICFO); Francisco Belarre (ICN2); Gabriel Gomila (IBEC); Jérémy David (ICN2); Jordi Andilla (ICFO); Jordi Fraxedas (ICN2); Jorge Jiménez (IFAE); Julien Colombelli (IRBB); Laurent Ladepêche (ICFO); M. Chiara Spadaro (ICN2); Manel Martínez (IFAE); Marcos Rosado (ICN2); Maria Marsal (ICFO); Neus Domingo (ICN2); Nikos Giakoumakis (IRBB); Pablo Guerra (IBMB); Pablo Loza (ICFO); Santi Serrano (IEEC); Sara Martí-Sánchez (ICN2); Sébastien Tosi (IRBB); Timo Zimmermann (CRG).

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