



The Microscopy Society of America stands with Ukraine and condemns the Russian invasion of a sovereign nation. The events of the past month conducted by Russia's leaders are shocking and horrific. MSA is committed to helping our Ukraine colleagues as much as possible. For the time being, we are making online content from the Microscopy Society of America freely available in Ukraine to support ongoing research endeavors. We will also waive publication fees for authors from Ukrainian institutions.

We also understand that appalling statements from Russian University leaders do not reflect the thoughts and values of their scientists, many of whom continue to call for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Researchers from all background regardless of gender, race, or nationality should be supported not isolated. We wish to bridge scientific communities under duress and unify all members of the MSA family.

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The MSA leadership and editorial team will continue to monitor the situation and provide additional updates and guidance as events unfold.