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## Microscopy Society of America Announces New Members of Leadership Council

*MSA held its annual leadership election and announces new additions*

**Reston, Virginia** – January 31, 2019 – The Microscopy Society of America (MSA) announces its newly elected members to the MSA Leadership Council. Elections were held in December where MSA members were able to cast their vote online after reviewing each candidate's bio, credentials, and MSA Platform Statement.

The new members of the Leadership Council are: **Esther Bullitt**, Boston University, School of Medicine (President-Elect); **Jay Potts**, University of South Carolina, School of Medicine (Biological Sciences Director); and **Lena Kourkoutis**, Cornell University (Physical Sciences Director).

“We are excited to welcome Esther, Jay, and Lena to the MSA Leadership Council. They bring new and important viewpoints to the leadership team and we are excited for the direction we are headed with the Society,” said MSA President Paul Kotula.

Learn more about the MSA Council [here](#).

The Microscopy Society of America was founded as the Electron Microscope Society of America in 1942, a time of rapid development for an instrument that promised, for the first time, better resolving power than that of the traditional light microscope. The Society adopted its current name on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, to reflect the diversity of microscopy techniques represented by its membership. Today, a variety of microscopes are capable of imaging individual atoms, and providing chemical information to identify what kind of atom is being imaged, while a variety of microscopes of lower resolving power continue to play an enabling role in understanding the world around us at a microscopic scale. The Microscopy Society of America champions all forms of microscopy and the development of new imaging technologies through its annual meeting, its publications, and its educational outreach.

Microscopy & Microanalysis (M&M) is the annual meeting of the Microscopy Society of America and the Microanalysis Society (MAS). M&M 2019, to be held August 4-9 in Portland Oregon, USA, will be cosponsored with the International Field Emission Society (IFES).

The Microscopy Society of America is an affiliate society of the American Institute of Physics (AIP) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

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