

EUREM 96

The Microscopical Society of Ireland (MSI) had a well established series of annual symposia from the 1970's, with Abstracts published annually in the Proceedings of the Royal Microscopical Society, Oxford. Hence MSI, as a member of the European Societies for Electron Microscopy, was recognised as a significant and competent organisation promoting the science of microscopy across the whole of Ireland. Contacts between MSI and members of the Committee of European Societies for Electron Microscopy (CESEM) were established, partly through the attendance of MSI members at European meetings, including the EUREM meeting in York in 1988. At this meeting the Spanish Society successfully bid for the next EUREM meeting in 1992, to be held in Granada.

In 1991 MSI decided to apply to CESEM to host the 1996 EUREM meeting. It was agreed that the venue should be the UCD Belfield campus and that the bid should be led by Dr David Cottell assisted by Professor Martin Steer. Preparation of the bid involved providing documentation describing the past success of MSI Annual Symposia, the anticipated scope of the 1996 conference, the support to be offered to speakers and student registrants, and the campus facilities for hosting the meeting and the accompanying trade exhibition. A short video was prepared giving an overview of the City of Dublin, the UCD campus and the lecture hall facilities. The bid documentation and video were presented to the CESEM committee at the 1992 Granada EUREM, in competition with bids from other countries. The MSI bid was accepted and the EUREM venue for 1996 was announced as 'Dublin'.

Preparation for holding the meeting began immediately, with the MSI committee passing responsibility for organising the meeting to David Cottell and Martin Steer, both from UCD. There were three main areas of concern: the scientific programme with lecture hall and poster display requirements, the trade exhibition, and the accommodation of registrants. The programme was built around topics across both materials and life sciences, each with an invited keynote speaker. There was no suitable venue for a large trade exhibition, so it was agreed with the UCD authorities that large display tents would be erected on the car park adjacent to the science buildings and lecture theatre block. These had to be fully serviced with power and water to enable electron microscopes and other equipment to operate in the trade exhibition area.

EUREM 96 was officially opened by the President of Ireland, Mary Robinson. Over 1080 delegates from 35 countries attended 350 lectures in 43 sessions and viewed over 750 posters. The trade exhibition was the largest ever science trade show staged in Ireland with 53 firms exhibiting the latest technology in microscopy and ancillary services.

The Annual MSI Symposium ran alongside the EUREM meeting, enabling MSI members to fully enjoy the event. Members of the public were admitted to the Trade Exhibition area to promote the awareness of science in Ireland.

Tribute should be paid to the many UCD students and others who assisted with the organisation and smooth running of this event. The speakers and other delegates were clearly pleased with the meeting and the many overseas students and delegates from disadvantaged countries were grateful for the assistance they received to enable them to attend the meeting. Hosting EUREM 96 resulted in many benefits for our Society including the enhanced prestige of MSI internationally.

Prof. Martin Steer, MSI Lifetime Member



11th EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON MICROSCOPY 26th - 30th AUGUST 1996 DUBLIN IRELAND

CONGRESS SITE

- attractive university campus
- close to premier destination city centre
- within easy reach of major air and sea ports
- on site accommodation for 1,000 delegates
- large capacity lecture and exhibition halls



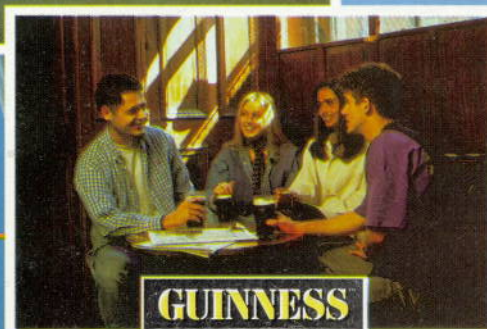
TRADE EXHIBITION

- all major companies exhibiting
- light and electron microscopes
- probe microscopes
- microanalysis
- image storage and processing
- preparative tools and accessories
- vacuum systems



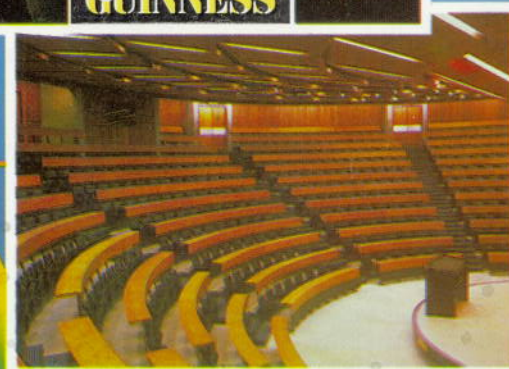
SOCIAL EVENTS

- diverse social events to cater for all tastes
- on site and in dublin city
- tours arranged to local sites of natural and historical interest



PROGRAMME

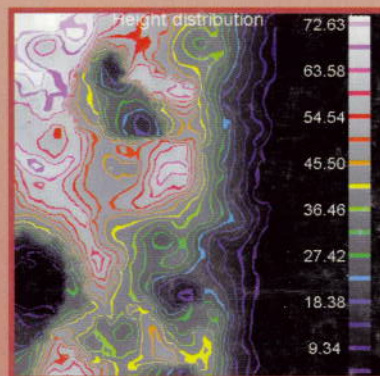
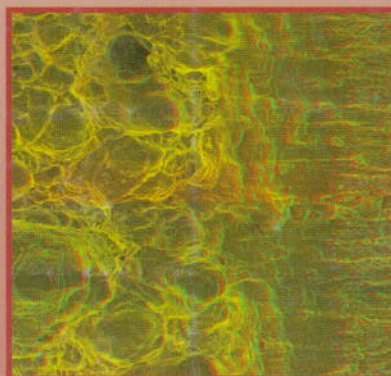
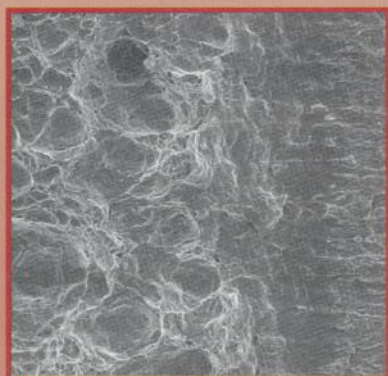
- workshops/tuition sessions
- fully international congress
- programme embraces all aspects of microscopy
- poster sessions arranged to enhance delegate interaction
- lecture programme designed to facilitate audience participation



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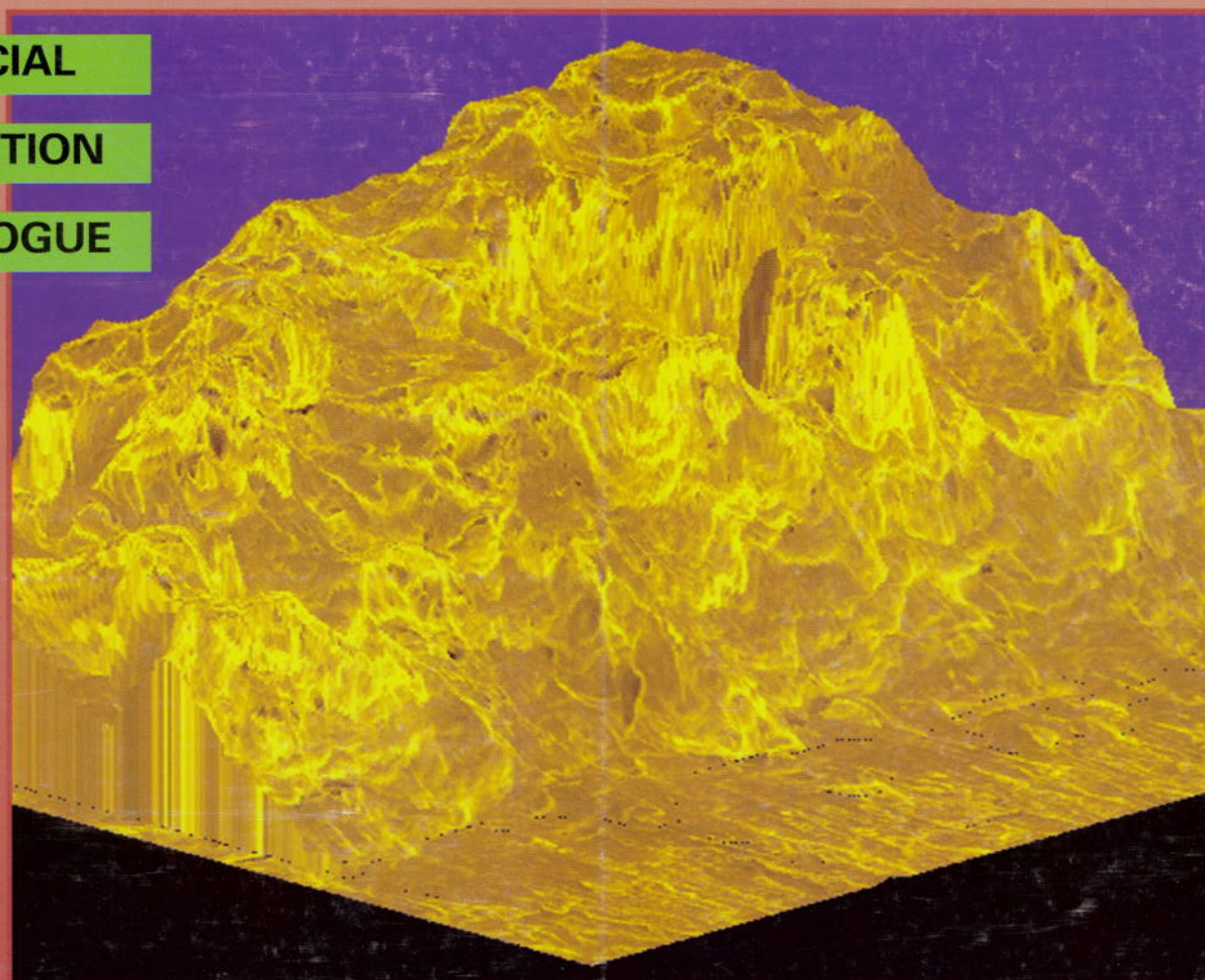
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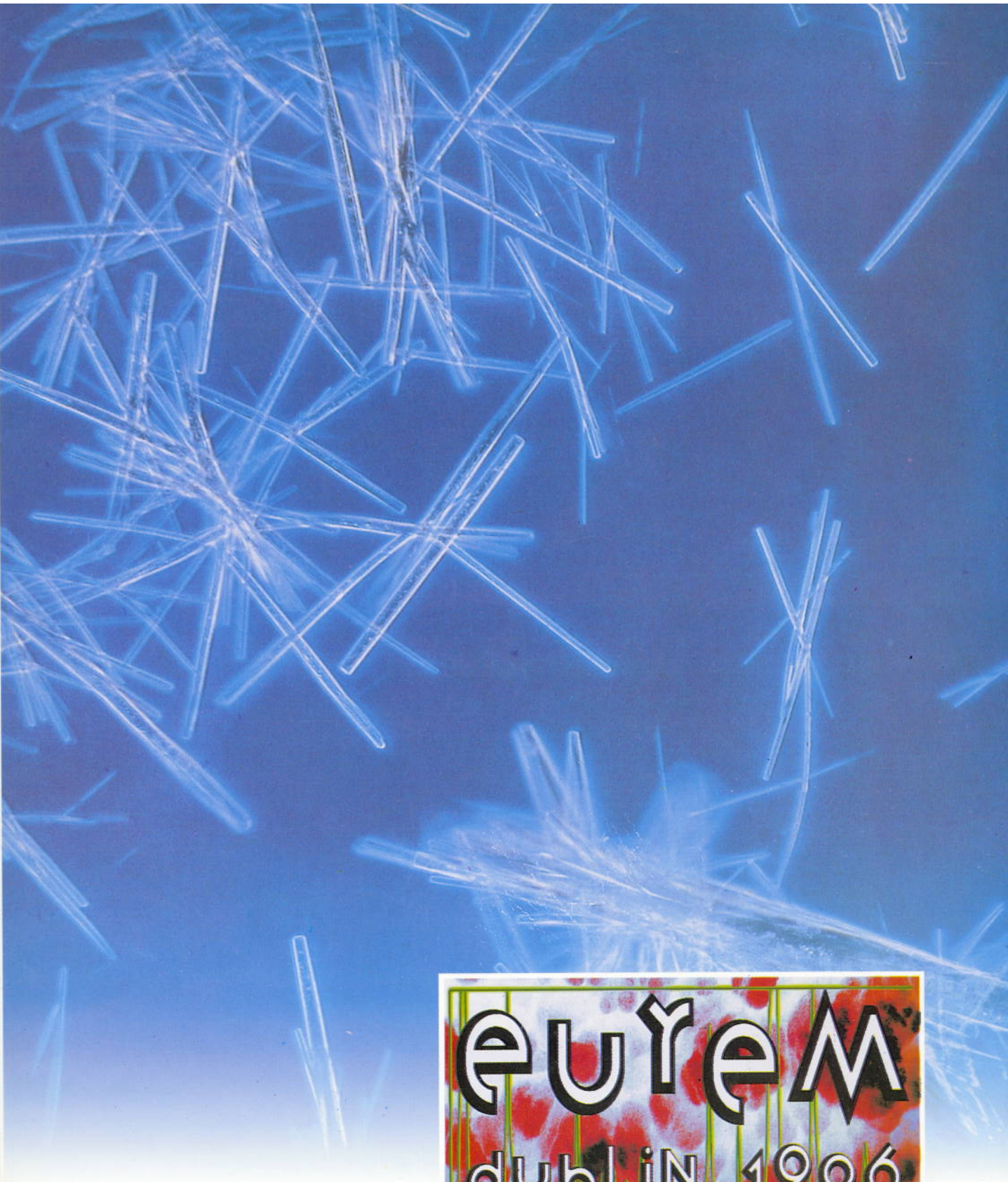
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