

Editorial

About the second European Microbeam Analysis Society (EMAS) workshop Dubrovnik (13-17 May 1991)

In January we anticipated that we may have a reduction in numbers attending the Dubrovnik Workshop of EMAS due to the problems in Iraq. In the event, this played no role but the political unrest in Yugoslavia certainly deterred many people from attending. As a result the Workshop was not the financial success we had originally anticipated. However, over 100 people attended the Workshop and it can certainly be judged a success scientifically. As in the 1st Workshop of the Society (Antwerp 1989), the format consisted of tutorial lectures and round table discussions on the corresponding subjects. The list of topics with the lecturer followed by the chairman of the round table discussion, is given below:

- Auger microscopy and electron probe microanalysis
(J. Cazaux, France; H. Werner, The Netherlands)
- EELS spectrum imaging
(D.B. Williams, U.S.A.)
- Quantitative microanalysis of thin layers
(P. Willich, Germany; P. Karduck, Germany)
- Standardless analysis
(J. Lábár, Hungary; P. Karduck, Germany)
- Quantitative electronprobe microanalysis of ultra-light elements (boron through oxygen)
(G. Bastin, The Netherlands; P. Karduck, Germany)
- Quantitative microanalysis of bio-organic specimens
(H. Elder, UK; A. Boekestein, The Netherlands)
- High resolution electron microscopy and analytical studies of metal/ceramic interfaces
(M. Rühle, Germany; A. Armigliato, Italy and P. Nicholson, U.K.)
- Transmission electron energy loss spectroscopy: fundamentals and applications in materials research
(K. Krishnan, U.S.A.; P. Trebbia, France)

The tutorial lectures were of a uniformly high standard and the round table discussions were well attended and the discussions lively. It seems we have found a format which is different from that of the more traditional conference, which has a lot to offer the delegates and which appeals to the EMAS membership. We shall be using the same format for the next Workshop and base the topics on the results of a questionnaire given to the delegates in Dubrovnik. The 3rd Workshop is currently being planned and will take place in Rimini in May 1993.

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