### FIRST CIRCULAR TO THE TRADE

Members of the trade are invited to participate in the 44th Annual Conference of the Microscopy Society of Southern Africa.

In December 2005 we are proud to welcome the Conference back to the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands and the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

We ask you to note the new dates for the conference. Unavoidable issues due to availability of University facilities forced an interesting, and quite likely refreshing, change from the normal pattern. The dates for the conference are thus;

Opening Reception: Sunday, 4 December

Conference: 5 - 7 December 2005

Post-Conference Workshops: 8, 9 December

Set up: 4 December

Venue

The Conference venue will be the UKZN Commerce Building on Golf Road? the same venue that was used with great success when we last hosted the conference in 1992.

### **Exhibition Area**

A plan of the exhibition area can be found overleaf. As the plan shows, the exhibition will be in a lockable, flat floor lecture room at the very heart of the conference venue. The Conference Desk will also be sited in this room. Teas will be served on the adjacent veranda. Each stand will be supplied with one 220v/15 amp power outlet. Extra capacity or number of outlets can be negotiated.

Stands measuring 3 x 3metres will be available at a cost of R5000 for the three days. Half size stands may be available according to demand.

# **Sponsorships**

Once again there will be many opportunities to sponsor events or to purchase advertising space in the programmes or conference bags.

Details and prices available on request.

## **Programme**

A full programme of scientific papers and poster presentations is expected. An exciting selection of overseas visitors is currently being discussed.

Of particular interest to the trade will be the continuation of the very popular Technical Forum sessions. In these sessions regular delegates and trade delegates are invited to present short papers which may include information on new equipment, technical topics and techniques in a slightly less formal atmosphere.

### **Communications**

Internet, telephone and fax facilities will be available for the duration of the conference.

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