

SUP NEWSLETTER

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Message from the outgoing President, John Brealey

I'm writing this report following the completion of UltraPath XXI in Sydney, Australia. Overall, the conference went very well, and I believe our delegates enjoyed a stimulating scientific program and, for the in-person delegates, a relaxing social program. It was great to catch up with old friends and meet new friends. I have included two group photos below from the week's proceedings – one from the Electron Microscopy Tutorial Day and the other from UltraPath XXI. I would like to thank the local organizing committee (Charles Chan, Renee Chan, Stephanie Sampedro, Thomas Tran, Linda Graham, Amanda Charlton, Julia Pagliuso and Max Keogh) for their hard work over a period of five years in which at least fifteen committee meetings were convened. It is not possible in one paragraph to describe the scope of issues that needed to be addressed in organizing an international conference in hybrid format, suffice to say our committee was steadfast in its resolve to stick together and achieve a successful outcome despite the challenges. The greatest challenge we faced was the cancellation of the venue booking by the host hotel six weeks prior to the conference owing to urgent remedial structural works. This was incredibly upsetting for all and left us scrambling to find a replacement venue. In the end, luck was on our side, and we secured an ideal venue at Circular Quay, in the heart of Sydney. I would like to thank Eric Wartchow and Sara Pawlak who worked tirelessly over two years dealing with issues pertaining to the SUP website and its in-built conference registration and billing system which we were using for the first time. I would also like to thank Sara Miller for her invaluable advice with contract negotiations which potentially saved the Society from financial losses when the contract with the first venue was cancelled. None of the this would have been possible without the generous sponsorship of the event by RCPAQAP, JEOL (Australasia), ZEISS, NewSpec, Leica Microsystems, Coherent Scientific, Hin Sci Pty Ltd, Scientex, Tousimis, and ATA Scientific with Thermo Fisher Scientific. On an unrelated issue I would like to thank Giovanna Crisi for organizing superb scientific programs for the USCAP EM Companion Meetings over the last two years.

Finally, I would like to thank the SUP for giving me the opportunity to lead the Society and wish Eric Wartchow every success as the in-coming President.

Regards,
John Brealey
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Tutorial Day, Sydney 2024



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