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**THE McCRONE GROUP'S NEW SPACIOUS AUDITORIUM AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS & CONFERENCES**

**WESTMONT, IL (January 31, 2007)** – The McCrone Group Inc., internationally recognized as a world leader in microanalysis and the nation's Premier Microscopy Resource, announces today that its spacious, recently completed 140-seat auditorium in Westmont, Illinois is available for rental to companies and groups seeking a comfortable and convenient meeting location. The auditorium is located within The McCrone Group's newly completed College of Microscopy facility at 850 Pasquinelli Drive. It offers a comfortable and convenient meeting location within an easy commute from the Chicago Loop as well as O'Hare International and Midway Airports.

This modern auditorium offers many high-tech features, including multiple overhead projectors, voice and music audio system, acoustically designed stage, wireless internet capabilities, presentation stands, and lighting equipment. The auditorium's amenities are designed to support speakers and enhance learning opportunities for their audiences. The state-of-the-art auditorium is ideal for lectures, conferences, and other special training or meeting events. The venue includes comfortable individual upholstered tablet-arm seating.

Recently, The McCrone Group doubled its previous 26,000 square-foot facility with a new 40,000 square-foot addition, home for the College of Microscopy and McCrone Microscopes and Accessories, The McCrone Group's instrument sales group. The expansion was undertaken in June 2005 to address the rapidly growing demands for microanalysis throughout not only the United States, but worldwide.

“This impressive auditorium will effectively serve our meeting needs and when not in use, we will make the facility available for rental to interested companies and organizations,” said Donald A. Brooks, President & CEO, The McCrone Group. To schedule an auditorium tour or discuss its availability contact Charles Zona at the College of Microscopy (at 630/887-7100 or [czona@mccrone.com](mailto:czona@mccrone.com) ).

### **About The McCrone Group**

Founded in 1956 and located in Westmont, Illinois, The McCrone Group, Inc. is internationally recognized as “The Premier Microscopy Resource” and a world leader in materials analysis.

Today, The McCrone Group combines the talents and skills of McCrone Associates, McCrone Microscopes & Accessories, the College of Microscopy, the online McCrone Atlas of Microscopic Particles, and ModernMicroscopy.com.

McCrone Associates, the analytical service division, is focused on solving some of the most difficult materials analysis problems along with the day-to-day needs of forensic, pharmaceutical, materials, and environmental laboratories, scientific researchers, and government organizations worldwide.

McCrone Microscopes & Accessories, the instrument sales division, offers a complete line of microscopes and microscopy related instruments, reference standards, and resource books.

The College of Microscopy, the Group’s new Learning Center, provides training to both industry and government scientists worldwide. The staff of The McCrone Group has been teaching scientists and researchers for more than 40 years. Today The College of Microscopy offers more than 35 courses a year to the technical and educational community around the world.

The Atlas of Microscopic Particles ([www.mccroneatlas.com](http://www.mccroneatlas.com)), the Group’s new online particle resource, is the first of its kind internet-based particle reference for scientists, microscopists, and criminalists engaged in the materials identification area.

ModernMicroscopy.com, McCrone’s online peer-reviewed journal, publishes articles, scientific tips, and tutorials contributed by scientists from around the world. For further information about The McCrone Group, please visit [www.mccrone.com](http://www.mccrone.com).

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