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### **THE McCRONE GROUP ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF ADDITIONS AT THE COLLEGE OF MICROSCOPY**

**WESTMONT, IL (January 22, 2008)** – The McCrone Group Inc., internationally recognized as a world leader in microanalysis and the nation’s Premier Microscopy Resource, announced today that Kathy A. Cyr joins the College of Microscopy in Westmont, Illinois as Director of Program Development and Lois M. Gelwicks joins as Registrar.

Cyr will have responsibility for new course and program development as well as maintaining the Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET) accreditation for the college. For the past seven years Cyr served as both Director and Program Director at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies located in Mount Carroll, Illinois where she worked with faculty to develop individual course offerings in the areas of Historic Preservation, Care of Material Culture and Conservation. Cyr earned both Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in Clothing & Textiles from Michigan State University.

Gelwicks will be responsible for preserving and maintaining the academic integrity of College of Microscopy including leadership in the areas of student records, registration, computerized systems and office management. Prior to joining the College of Microscopy she served as Registrar and Assistant to the Director at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservations Studies in Mount Carroll, Illinois.

“We are absolutely delighted to have Kathy Cyr and Lois Gelwicks join the administrative staff of the College of Microscopy,” said, Charles A. Zona, Dean of the College of Microscopy. “They will both play an important role in our long-range plans for the College of Microscopy which includes offering formalized distance learning and advanced degree programs,” Zona said.

The College of Microscopy, a highly specialized academic institution offering advanced professional training in analytical microscopy techniques, has the largest array of 'state-of-the-art' modern microscopy instrumentation within any one location in the United States. The experienced staff of The McCrone Group has been teaching scientists and researchers for more than 50 years. The new 40,000 square foot microscopy learning center includes an unprecedented range of advanced analytical and microscopy instrumentation for student learning.

The College of Microscopy specializes in training materials scientists, crime lab personnel, First Responders, researchers, technicians, and educators how to locate and identify unknown or suspect materials using light microscopy, electron microscopy, and micro-FTIR/Raman spectroscopy.

Today, the College of Microscopy provides the most comprehensive learning and advanced microscopy resources available. This includes more than 40 accredited courses in the many advanced analytical methods used in materials analysis, and state-of-the-art resources including the McCrone online Atlas of Microscopic Particles ([www.mccroneatlas.com](http://www.mccroneatlas.com)) and their complimentary subscription-based peer-reviewed journal, [ModernMicroscopy.com](http://ModernMicroscopy.com).

“The College of Microscopy was established in 2004 to help prepare companies and the nation to solve difficult materials analysis problems,” said Donald A. Brooks, President & CEO, The McCrone Group. The College of Microscopy has the capacity to support the training of more than 1,000 students per year and presently offers more than 40 accredited courses.

Many of the College of Microscopy instructors are internationally recognized experts in the field of materials analysis and microscopy. They offer a unique combination of theoretical and practical hands-on experience, and are valued for their real-world problem solving laboratory analyses and broad subject matter expertise. For more information regarding the College of Microscopy and upcoming courses, visit [www.collegeofmicroscopy.com](http://www.collegeofmicroscopy.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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