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THE McCRONE GROUP ANNOUNCES THREE SUMMER CAMPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS AND ASPIRING SCIENCE STUDENTS

WESTMONT, IL (May 19, 2008) – The McCrone Group Inc., internationally recognized as a world leader in microanalysis and the nation’s Premier Microscopy Resource, announced today it is offering three summer workshops at its College of Microscopy. The College of Microscopy’s 2008 summer sessions include a Microscopy Camp and a Forensics Camp for high school and middle school science teachers and a Materials Camp for advance placement (AP) high school students. Each teacher participating in the College of Microscopy’s Microscopy Camp will receive a microscope for their own classroom use.

“We are very excited to offer three very distinctive summer camps in 2008 designed to enhance the level of science education and competence,” Donald A. Brooks, President & CEO, The McCrone Group, said. “Last year, we tested two pilot camps and the interest and success of this model convinced us to continue with three unique educational camps this year. Our commitment to science education extends beyond a one-time event and these camps permit a deeper and much broader learning experience for the teachers and students alike,” he added.

The College of Microscopy’s Microscopy Camp for 20 high school and middle school science teachers will be held on June 23 to 27. The Camp is designed to help high school and middle school science teachers understand and develop microscopy skills, lessons, and experiments to use in their classrooms. Microscopy Camp students learn time-honored and highly specialized microscopy methods that can successfully be applied to a wide variety of secondary school science lessons.

The Microscopy Camp requires a \$100.00 lab fee and each science teacher selected to participate will receive a microscope, digital camera, software and five days of intense application instruction.

The College of Microscopy's Forensic Camp is also for 20 high school and middle school science teachers and will be held August 4 to 8. The Camp is designed to help high school and middle school science teachers develop forensic science lessons to use in their classrooms. Forensic Camp students learn time-honored and specialized forensic science methods that can be applied to a wide variety of secondary school science lessons. Some of the major topics that will be developed and practiced during Forensic Camp include crime scenes, trace evidence, DNA, Questioned Documents, Anthropology and Entomology.

Offline registration for the Microscopy or Forensic Camp is available by calling the registrar at 630-887-7100 or by downloading the registration form from the The McCrone Group website (www.mccrone.com) and completing it, and faxing to 630-887-7412.

The College of Microscopy's Materials Camp for eight high school students will be held on June 24 to 26. This Materials Camp will be offered through ASM International, The Materials Information Society. Advance Placement high school juniors and seniors with proven aptitudes in science and math can complete an application to the Materials Camp at:
<http://asmcommunity.asminternational.org/portal/site/asm/Foundation/MaterialsCamp/>

The three-day Materials Camp for high school juniors and seniors features highly interactive, lab-based activities tailored to individual interest areas. Students will learn how to use sophisticated materials science tools such as metallography, mechanical testing, light microscopy, fractography, scanning electron microscopy, image analysis and chemical analysis.

"The College of Microscopy instructors are internationally recognized experts in the field of materials analysis and microscopy," Charles A. Zona, Vice President and Dean of the College said. "At these three camps we will offer the educators and aspiring scientists a valuable and unique combination of theoretical and practical hands-on experience," Zona added.

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 modern microscopy techniques such as light microscopy, electron microscopy, and micro-FTIR/Raman spectroscopy.

Today, the College of Microscopy provides the most comprehensive learning and advanced microscopy resources available. These 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) and their complimentary subscription-based peer-reviewed journal, ModernMicroscopy.com.

The College of Microscopy was established in 2004 to help prepare companies and the nation to solve difficult materials analysis problems. The College of Microscopy is approved as an Authorized Provider of Continuing Education Units by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). All participants in College of Microscopy courses, seminars, or other continuing education learning activities are eligible to receive IACET Continuing Education Units (CEU).

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), 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.

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