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**COLLEGE OF MICROSCOPY EXPANDS WITH TWO NEW COURSES FOR
CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS**

*Developed for Conservators, Historic Preservationists, Archaeologists, Conservation
Students & Scientists*

WESTMONT, IL (July 28, 2008) – The McCrone Group Inc., internationally recognized as a world leader in microanalysis and the nation’s Premier Microscopy Resource, announced today that its College of Microscopy and learning center in Westmont, Illinois will offer two new courses uniquely developed to meet the needs of the conservation professional. The College of Microscopy has the largest array of advanced modern microscopy instrumentation within a single location in the United States.

The first new course, “Chemistry for Conservators” is a week-long intensive chemistry review to refresh a student’s knowledge of chemical concepts and applications. This course is an ideal introduction to chemistry for students interested in pursuing a career in conservation. The course is scheduled for September 22 – 26, 2008. Students successfully completing the course requirements are awarded a certificate of completion and 3.5 CEU credits.

The second new course, “Laboratory Safety” serves as condensed introduction and hands-on application to laboratory safety for the non-scientist. The one-day course is designed to introduce students to the potential hazards and risks involved in working in a laboratory, handling chemicals and operating equipment, including how to prevent laboratory accidents and how to minimize exposure to potential hazards. The course is scheduled for two dates, September 12 and 29, 2008. Students successfully completing course requirements are awarded a certificate of completion and 0.5 CEU credits.

“We heard from working conservation professionals that there is a real need for these courses,” said Kathy A. Cyr, Director of Program Development, College of Microscopy. “And, in fact, we have developed the program based upon conversation with several conservationists. By expanding our course offerings, we are better preparing individuals to become leaders in this field,” Cyr added.

To enroll or learn more about these new courses visit: www.collegeofmicroscopy.com/courses/ and complete the registration form. Offline registration is available by calling the registrar at 630-887-7100.

“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. “These two new courses will offer the conservation professional and students interested in pursuing or continuing their career in conservation 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, conservationists, and educators how to characterize 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 anywhere in the world. 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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