

The **Microscopy Society of Southern Africa (MSSA) Trust** wishes to promote microscopy in Southern Africa and improve the microscopy skills of people. As such, it invites applications for funding towards the following areas:

- 1) promoting microscopy and science careers in Southern Africa,
- 2) towards the organization of microscopy based workshops or schools in Southern Africa,
- 3) attendance at microscopy conferences or workshops in 2007,
- 4) promoting microscopy to learners in schools.

Applications must be by **e-mail only** to the Secretary of the Trust, Alan Hall at alan.hall@up.ac.za

DEADLINE for applications is **Monday 13 November 2006**.

Applications must contain all information considered relevant including:

- 1) letter of support from the head of department or supervisor,
- 2) CV of the person or persons involved,
- 3) details of the conference, workshop, event or project planned,
- 4) specific benefits to be obtained by the person(s),
- 5) detailed budget,
- 6) details of applications made or to be made to other funding sources and their response etc.

NOTE: Applications not containing all the required information and good motivations will not be considered. The Trust will not chase any missing information.

It is normally expected that that the Trust will only partially fund the total budget.

Hopefully all applicants will be notified by mid January 2007 of the decision of the Trust. Successful applicants will be required to provide proof of attendance at the funded event or audited accounts when organizing events etc., write a detailed article on their attendance or event for the MSSA Newsletter. A presentation on what was learned/gained is expected at the scientific sessions or Technical Forum of the following MSSA conference.

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