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# What's New in Microscopy? UNITRON Phase Microscopes, of course!

An Explanation While UNITRON phase Microscopes are new, this report on them is not. It is a repetition of what was said in the recent Convention issue of Science. The interest shown in that report was so great, and the requests for catalogs so numerous, that we feel it is worth repeating.

### Phase microscopy in the news

Our Phase Microscope Exhibit at the AAAS Meeting received an unexpected bit of advance assistance with the announcement in November that Dr. F. Zernike was awarded the 1953 Nobel Prize in physics for his development of the phase microscope. As a result of this announcement, many who attended the Boston Meeting knew more about phase microscopy than would otherwise have been the case. The phase microscope is so relatively new, and the conventional phase instruments so expensive, that real familiarity with this latest development has been largely limited to an inner circle of zoologists for whom the phase microscope is an absolute necessity. This is an unfortunate situation since phase microscopy has an equally wide application in large areas of industrial research, in routine medical and laboratory testing, and in the student laboratory.

### Phase microscopy in a nutshell

Briefly stated, the phase microscope permits the examination of thin, transparent specimens whose structural details vary only slightly in thickness, absorption, and refractive index from their surrounding medium. With the ordinary "bright field" microscope, such specimens must be stained in order to introduce contrast and detail. Aside from requiring skill and laborious preparation, staining techniques produce a physical distortion of the object and involve the death of living specimens. For the zoologist the importance of the phase microscope lies in its ability to show activities in the *living* cell.

### **Busy booth**

The microscopes on display in our booth at the AAAS Meeting ranged from UNITRON Student Models to the large UNITRON Universal Camera Microscope. The constant stream of visitors showed greatest interest in trying for themselves the new UNI-TRON Phase Microscopes. Two microscopes of each model were placed side by side with one instrument functioning as a phase microscope and the other as a conventional bright field type. The unstained specimen viewed was the same in both cases—somatic chromosomes of Trillium kamtschaticum, if you're interested. Observers were astounded by the difference between the two images. The demonstration was actually too successful; the image under bright field was so washed out in appearance that we were frequently challenged to prove that we really had a specimen on the slide. It took but a moment to change the microscope from bright field to phase contrast, and the observer from a state of scepticism to one of admiration.

### Phase contrast for the amateur

To those acquainted with the cost of conventional phase microscopes and unacquainted with the new UNI-TRON Phase Microscopes, it will seem that the word "wealthy" has been omitted from the above section heading. But it's true—we have a complete student phase microscope with 3 objectives and 2 eyepieces, magnifying 32-600X, available for as little as \$99. We are rather proud of the report on this instrument given by Professor Julian Corrington in the February issue of Nature Magazine. In his column, "Under the Microscope", he states:

"Our first reaction on reading advertising material describing phase-con-trast microscopes in the lower price brackets was one of scepticism . . . However, we were willing to be shown, and ordered a UNITRON research phase-contrast model MPE, at \$265 and found it completely satisfactory. Being further intrigued by the seemingly-impossible claims of this organization for their \$99 model MPEA, we explored further and have been using this incredibly cheap instrument on cultures of living amoeba and paramecium, as well as on other materials, both fresh and stained. The results have been remarkable. Living protozoa are seen as never possible by ordinary bright-field; cellular details, as trichocysts, cilia, gullet, membranelles, appear as clearly or more so than on stained slides, and are seen in action in the living animal . . . Now, for the first time, this equipment, the most important development in light microscopy since oil-immersion objectives, is within the reach of the amateur, the high school, and the college freshman laboratory."

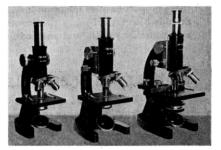
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The advanced worker who needs oil immersion will be more interested in our research model MPE, which gives

magnifications from 50-1500X. This comes complete with 3 objectives, 3 eyepieces, mechanical stage, etc. and without focusing telescope and substage turret changer. Readers who have used phase microscopes will recognize the "without" items as the curse of the conventional phase instrument in which it is necessary to align phase diaphragms with every change of objective. In UNITRON Model MPE, changing objectives merely involves adjusting the height of the substage condenser as indicated by a scale on the microscope stand. Furthermore, as the height of the condenser is varied, there is a *continuous* transition from bright field to phase contrast. The intermediate positions offer useful types of contrasts which contribute toward a complete picture of the specimen. The price of this complete instrument is only \$265—less than half the cost of the accessories needed to adapt an equivalent bright field microscope for phase work.

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There are four UNITRON Phase



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### Meetings & Conferences

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- 25-29. American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Southwestern Division, Lubbock, Tex. (F. E. E. Germann, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder.)
- 29-30. Eastern States Health Education Conf., New York, N.Y. (I. Galdston, 2 E. 103 St., New York 29.)
- 29-30. Symposium of Recent Advances in the Study of Venereal Diseases, 6th annual, Washington, D. C. (J. K. Shafer, Public Health Service Division of Venereal Diseases, Washington 25, D. C.)
- 29-1. American Mathematical Soc., Chicago, Ill. (J. W. T. Youngs, Univ. of Indiana, Bloomington.)
- 29-1. American Physical Soc., Washington, D. C. (K. K. Darrow, Columbia Univ., New York 27, N. Y.)
- 29-1. Midwestern Psychological Assoc., Columbus, Ohio. (L. J. Cronbach, 1007 S. Wright, Champaign, Ill.)
- 30-1. Minnesota Academy of Science, annual, Northfield, Minn. (S. P. Miller, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.)
- 30-1. South Dakota Acad. of Science, annual, Rapid City, S. Dak. (A. L. Haines, Chemistry Dept., Univ. of South Dakota, Vermillion.)

#### May

- 2-6. Electrochemical Soc., spring, Chicago, Ill. (H. B. Linford, Columbia Univ., New York 27.)
- 2-7. Soc. of American Bacteriologists, annual, Pittsburgh, Pa. (F. S. Cheever, P.O. Box 1912, Pittsburgh 30.)
- 3-5. American Geophysical Union, 35th annual, Washington, D.C. (J. Adkins, Office of Naval Research, Washington 25.)
- 3-6. Air Pollution Control Assoc., Chattanooga, Tenn. (H. C. Ballman, 4400 5 Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Pa.)
- 3-7. American Psychiatric Assoc., annual, St. Louis, Mo. (R. F. Gayle, Jr., Professional Bldg., Richmond 19, Va.)
- 3-7. Soc. of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, semiannual, Washington, D.C. (Sec., 342 Madison Ave., New York 17.)
- 3-8. International Conf. on Complete Gasification of Coal, Liége, Belgium. (J. Venter, 7 Blvd., Frére-Orban, Liége.)
- 4. World Health Assembly, 7th, Geneva, Switzerland. (WHO, Palais des Nations, Geneva.)
- 4-6. Electronic Components Symposium, Washington, D.C. (F. B. Haynes, Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore 3, Md.)
- 5-7. American Inst. of Electrical Engineers, northeastern district, Schenectady, N.Y. (H. H. Henline, 33 W. 39 St., New York 8.)
- 5-7. Forest Products Research Soc., annual, Grand Rapids, Mich. (F. J. Rovsek, Box 2010, University Station, Madison 5, Wis.)
- 5-8. National Conf. on Health in Colleges, 4th, New York, N.Y. (Sec., American College Health Assoc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19.)
- 6-8. American Philosophical Assoc., Urbana, Ill. (M. C. Nahm, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.)
- 7-8. North Carolina Academy of Science, Greenville, N.C. (J. A. Yarbrough, Meredith College, Raleigh.)
- 8-16. International Cong. of Thalassotherapy, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. (C. Plavsic, Zeleni Venac 1, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.)

(See the March 19th issue for summer meeting lists.)

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