Minutes of the 2025 AGM of the Data Analysis in Imaging Section of the Royal Microscopical Society which was held on Wednesday 2 July 2025 during mmc2025.

Members present: Martin Jones FRMS (DAIM Chair), Alice Pyne FRMS (DAIM Deputy Chair), Peter O'Toole FRMS (RMS President), Michelle Peckham FRMS (RMS Executive Honorary Secretary), Maddy Parsons FRMS (RMS Honorary Secretary – Biological Sciences), Kurt Anderson FRMS, Nitin Arya FRMS, Laura Clark, Roland Fleck FRMS, Sarah Harper FRMS, Mark Leake FRMS, Leandro Lemgruber, Katherine MacArthur, Kirsty MacLellan-Gibson, Judith Mantell, Jon Moss FRMS, Chris Parmenter FRMS, Dana Perry, Greeshma Pradeep, Lior Pytowski, Virginia Silio, Thomas Slater FRMS, Alex Sossick, Clare Steele-King FRMS, Lore Troalen, Jessica Valli FRMS, Gea van de Kerkhof, Sali Davis (RMS Chief Executive) and Jade Sturdy (RMS Committee Co-ordinator and PA to Chief Executive).*

1. **Apologies for Absence**
   Apologies for absence had been received from: Rod Shipley, Andy Brown FRMS, Kerry Thompson FRMS, Peter Bankhead, Rocco D'Antuono FRMS and Todd Fallesen.

2. **Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting**
   The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Matters Arising**
   There were no matters arising.

4. **Report from Section Chair**
   The Section Chair gave the following report:

   "*My final year as Chair has seen community efforts and continued technical advances in image analysis. The rapid rise of new AI techniques offers significant opportunities, but also some risks, which organisations like the RMS and the DAIM committee are well placed to offer guidance on as the field develops.*

   Once again, the Training Working Group have been very active, running a number of Introduction to Image Analysis training courses in London, Dublin and Galway. Additionally, a train-the-trainer event was held in London, supported by the Crick Networking Fund, with the aim of building a community of image analysts who deliver (or plan to deliver) training courses around the UK and Ireland. All courses were very well received, with a high degree of satisfaction indicated in the post-event feedback forms. A peer-reviewed article on delivering training courses was published based on the experiences of the committee [1].

   The DAIM Special Issue of the Journal of Microscopy was officially published in December 2024, with plans already underway for a second edition, again led by Rocco D'Antuono. It is hoped that the DAIM Section can continue to support the Journal via both Special Issues and the broader engagement of the community.

   The DAIM Section continues to receive a number of high-quality nominations to join the committee through the annual RMS open call for nominations. Unfortunately, we are largely unable to accommodate these nominations for new committee members due to the full complement already in place, coupled with the relatively young age of the Section. As the tenure for various positions are now starting to come to an end, it is expected that a steady state of turnover will be achieved over the coming years. In order to ensure that the committee is not going to be affected by everyone's tenure ending at the same time, the RMS has allowed some flexibility to allow a staggered turnover, to retain and disseminate the wealth of experience gained by the first round of committee members.

   The DAIM Section have been heavily involved in RMS conferences and events again this year. Frontiers in Bioimaging 2024 was co-organised by DAIM committee member Stefania Marcotti and this year's mmc conference has DAIM contributions across a range of aspects, including chairing sessions, invited talks, posters and training sessions. CBIAS 2024 also had a talk and panel discussion on community initiatives, led by committee member Tom Slater.

   I'd like to thank the past and present members of the DAIM committee for making my life as Chair very straightforward, with endless creativity and enthusiasm to deliver a broad range of activities, events and community contributions. I wish

the new Chair, Alice Pyne, the best of luck in pushing the DAIM Section further, and I am very excited about the plans and directions that Alice has already identified as priorities.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone at RMS HQ, on behalf of the DAIM Section, for supporting our work, especially Jade Sturdy and Sali Davis."

[1] Marcotti, S., Jones, M.L., Slater, T.J.A. and Barry, D.J. (2025), Enhancing Research Through Image Analysis Workshops: Experiences and Best Practices. Microsc Res Tech, 88: 922-935. https://doi.org/10.1002/jemt.24769

5. Election of Officers

There being no other nominations, the following Officers were duly elected:

Chair:	Alice Pyne, University of Sheffield
Vice Chair:	Martin Jones, The Francis Crick Institute
Deputy Chair:	Rocco D'Antuono, Francis Crick Institute

6. Election of Ordinary Members

The following Ordinary Members were elected:

Peter Bankhead, University of Edinburgh
David Barry, Francis Crick Institute
Laura Clark, University of Leeds
Stephen Cross, University of Bristol
Siân Culley, King's College London
Alan Kidger, Carl Zeiss
Katherine MacArthur, Oxford Instruments
Stefania Marcotti, Kings College London
Leila Muresan, University of Cambridge
Eric Prestat, University of Manchester
Constantino Carlos Reyes-Aldasoro, City, University of London
Thomas Slater, Cardiff University

In addition to the above nominated Committee Members Dana Perry has been co-opted as the Early Career Representative.

Invited to attend: Todd Fallesen.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

*** Non-members present:** Jemima Burden