



Minutes of the 2025 AGM of the AFM & other Scanning Probe Microscopies Section of the Royal Microscopical Society which was held on Wednesday 2 July 2025 during mmc2025.

Members present: Jamie Hobbs (AFM & SPM Chair), Oleg Kolosov FRMS (AFM & SPM Vice Chair), Peter O'Toole FRMS (RMS President), Sebastian Aguayo, Gourav Bhattacharya, Charles Clifford FRMS, Stephen Lewandowski, Laia Pasquina, James Vicary, 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, Michelle Peckham FRMS, Andy Brown FRMS and Kerry Thompson FRMS.

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:

"I would like to start by thanking Oleg Kolosov for his hard work as Chair steering the committee through the turbulent Covid times. The nine months since our last AGM have been spent establishing the new committee and planning for events over the coming year.

Due to timetabling issues, we have decided not to run an introductory workshop at this year's mmc but hope to reinstate this in future years. However, we are also open to suggestions on what would be most useful for our community, so if you have ideas please do get in touch. At mmc2025 we have two AFM&SPM in Biosciences sessions, chaired by Ioanna Mela and George Heath, an AFM&SPM in Materials session, chaired by Sohini Kar-Narayan and a SPM of single molecules on surfaces focused session, chaired by Kristina Rusimova, which we hope reflects the diverse interests of our community, as well as an associated plenary from Rachel Oliver on the Wednesday morning.

In September we are sponsoring the AFMBioMed Summer School, which is being held in Sheffield, it's first visit to the UK. Our committee is also supporting the annual Near-field Imaging and Spectroscopy conference which will be held in Manchester in January 2026, organised by Jessica Boland and Alexander Tartakovskii, more details of which will be coming soon. Next year's AFM&SPM Biennial meeting will be held in Leeds, organised by George Heath, with details to follow in the near future.

I would like to thank our committee members who are stepping down at this AGM, our current Vice Chair, Oleg Kolosov (Lancaster University), Sohini Kar-Narayan (University of Cambridge), Brian Rodriguez (University College Dublin), Kislun Voitchovsky (Durham University), Charles Clifford (National Physical Laboratory) and James Vicary (Nunano). I would also like to welcome our new members who will be joining the committee and thank them in advance for giving their time to the community: Julia Gorelik (Imperial College London), Gleb Yakubovs (University of Leeds), Samuel Jarvis (Lancaster University) and Sarah Guerin (University of Limerick). Over the coming year a focus for our committee will be training for AFM&SPM, so if you have any thoughts in that space, please do get in touch.

5. Election of Officers

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

Chair: Jamie Hobbs, University of Sheffield
Deputy Chair: Kristina Rusimova, University of Bath

6. Election of Ordinary Members

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

Mingdong Dong, Aarhus University Denmark
Amir Farokh Payam, Ulster University School of Engineering
Julia Gorelik, Imperial College London
Sarah Guerin, University of Limerick
George Heath, University of Leeds
Samuel Jarvis, Lancaster University
Vladimir Korolkov, Park Systems
David Morgan, Nanosurf

In addition to the elected Committee Members, Robert Harniman, Dalia Yablon have and Gleb Yakubovs been co-opted onto the Committee and Jacob Pattem has been co-opted as the Early Career Representative.

Boume Boudjelida, Bruker UK Ltd and Sonia Contera, University of Oxford will also be invited to attend meetings.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

* **Non-members present:** Cameron Colclough, Stuart Finch, George Heath, Sohini Kar-Narayan, Shifra Lansky, Ioanna Mela, Abimbola Olulana, Harrison Swift and Nicolo Tormena.