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The David H. Murdock Research Institute (DHMRI), located at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, NC, has chosen the market leader, Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, Inc. to supply its light microscopy and biological imaging systems for the Integrated Microscopy Laboratory, making it one of the most advanced microscopy and imaging centers in the world. The DHMRI will be among the first institutions in the world to take delivery of the new LSM 710 Confocal Microscopes, further ensuring its position at the forefront of imaging technology. “The high contrast and high resolution of these microscopes is fantastic, especially the new state of the art confocal microscopes which will allow us to see three dimensional images so clearly that ideas and processes we could not fully understand up to this point will be obvious,” explained Dr. Steve Leath, Vice President of Research UNC.

Carl Zeiss, the oldest and most respected name in research microscopy with a tradition of technical excellence of over 160 years, will place a full time Embedded Consultant on campus to offer outstanding support to the Institute. The DHMRI will also become a beta-test site for Carl Zeiss state-of-the-art imaging technology.

According to Dr. Steve Lommel, DHMRI board member and Interim Associate Dean for Research at NCSU/CALS, “The Carl Zeiss instrumentation, when integrated with other capabilities of the core lab will allow us to study and understand complex biological systems at a level that could not be imagined even a few years ago.”

Jim Sharp, President of Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, Inc. stated that “Zeiss is committed to a long term presence at the DHMRI.” In keeping with Murdock’s philanthropic initiatives, Carl Zeiss and the DHMRI have agreed to partner and offer Microscopy and Fluorescence Imaging Courses that will teach tomorrow’s researchers the basic principles of microscopy and expose them to the latest cutting edge research techniques. Universities and High School students from Kannapolis will be able to interact with internationally renowned scientists to learn firsthand about advanced research methods.

“This investment from the DHMRI represents one of the largest single transactions made by any institute with Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, and includes the most sophisticated microscopy systems currently available,” states Dr. Ulrich Simon, President and CEO of Carl Zeiss Micro Imaging GmbH in Jena, Germany. According to Dr. Simon, “this instrumentation will make the DHMRI one of the most advanced microscopy and imaging centers in the world.”

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