

# SAS SPECTRUM eNEWS

## Webinar **Detection & Classification of Breast Cancer with Raman Spectroscopy**

### SAS Fellows Awarded

The Society for Applied Spectroscopy is pleased to bestow the designation of SAS Fellow to 10 deserving scientists for their outstanding contributions to the Society and spectroscopy. Awards will be presented at SciX during the annual SAS Wine and Cheese reception on September 30, 2014. Congratulations to the following individuals:

Ricardo Aroca	Sergei Kazarian
Karl Booksh	Igor Lednev
Mary Kate Donais	Richard McCreery
Rina Dukor	James Rydzak
John Jackovitz	Nicolas Stone

### Member Profile: Mary Carrabba

This month, the newsletter staff is starting a tradition of profiling members who have shown exceptional commitment to the Society and deserve recognition. Mary Carrabba is celebrating 10 years of compiling monthly editions of the "Spectroscopists' Calendar". The list of events is an essential part of the Journal by keeping members apprised of meetings, symposia, short courses and other educational events.

Mary Carrabba has dedicated herself to serving the Society for Applied Spectroscopy ever since she was a graduate student. She went on to become the secretary and then chair of the Baltimore/Washington SAS chapter. During that time she was editor of the newsletter, organized various meetings and dinners, and served on the awards committee. Following her service at the local level she moved to the national level to become treasurer of SAS. After serving on the national level Mary was asked to be the editor for the Spectroscopists' Calendar. In this role, Mary has formed a database of spectroscopic conferences ranging from NMR to vibrational spectroscopies. Mary is always looking for the latest conference to advertise in the Spectroscopists' Calendar so be sure to notify her of any conferences you have not seen listed. Mary truly cherishes the friendships forged and colleagues made during her tenure with SAS. Besides her service to SAS, Mary has an exciting career in spectroscopy. For example, while at the FBI she performed IR microscopy on objects ranging from explosives to counterfeit bills and put her spectroscopy skills to use on some notable cases including the Oklahoma City and first World Trade Center bombings. Mary then went on to Hewlett-Packard to conduct failure analysis using IR, Raman, and UV/Vis spectroscopies. More recently, she has been teaching at a university and is currently a consultant. Next time you see Mary at a conference be sure to introduce yourself and thank her for the years of service to spectroscopy and SAS.

Sean Burrows, Contributing Editor  
Professor, Oregon State University

## **Gordon F. Kirkbright Bursary Award, 2015**

The Gordon F. Kirkbright bursary award is a prestigious annual award that enables a promising student/non-tenured young scientist of any nation to attend a recognized scientific meeting or visit a place of learning.

The fund for this bursary was established in 1985 as a memorial to Professor Gordon Kirkbright in recognition of his contributions to analytical spectroscopy and to science in general. Although the fund is administered by the Association of British Spectroscopists (ABS) Trust, the award is not restricted to spectroscopists.

Applications are invited for the 2015 Gordon Kirkbright Bursary.

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The closing date for entries is 31 December 2014.

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