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growing collaboration

Prologue: A Year of Shared Horizons Over the last twelve months, the Global BioImaging community has grown across partner networks. Each meeting added a fresh layer with a vibrant perspective, highlighting the unique context, priorities, and continuously spirit of the leading network. Following this year's introduction, we will find the regular GBI-wide updates, opportunities, and news.
This month's issue is **brought to you by the African BioImaging Consortium (ABIC).**

African BioImaging Consortium News

Dear All,
Welcome to the December edition of the newsletter, hosted by the African BioImaging Consortium (ABIC). This month's edition highlights the collaboration between the African BioImaging Consortium (ABIC), Global BioImaging and its partners. As the year draws to a close, we hope this collaborative issue ushers in a calm and joyful festive season for all.

Recap of the ABIC Community Meeting 2025
Cape, Again 18 - 19 October 2025

Image Credit: ABIC

The two-day **ABIC Community Meeting 2025** hosted in collaboration with **The American University** in Cairo, was a resounding success. The event, centered on the theme "**Infrastructure & Access**", explored the benefits of shared research infrastructure and core facility models in Africa. A gathered over **40 in-person attendees** from **13 countries across Africa and the globe**, plus an interactive online audience, engaged in discussions on sustainability, training, and access. The event featured a grant-writing workshop created in vibrant and impactful collaborative experience.

Recorded presentations are available on our YouTube channel.

Bio-Imaging West Africa 2026
22-27 February 2026 | Bridges, Ivory Coast

Amidillat is partnering with the **Institut National de Santé Publique (INSP)** and **Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques (CSRS)** are excited to announce the **Bio Imaging West Africa 2026** workshop.

This workshop bridges the gap between theory and practice, giving you hands-on experience with every stage of the microscopy pipeline. From instrument construction to data interpretation, it will cover topics like Optical Foundation, Fluorescence Microscopy, Building Your Own Microscope, Sample Preparation, Image Acquisition and Image Analysis Fundamentals.

Last days to Register:
Link to the Workshop Information Page
Link to the Registration Form

From 3D Light to 3D Electron Microscopy Symposium: Francis Crick Institute
24 - 25 March 2026 | London, UK

The **Electron Microscopy Science Technology Platform** at the Francis Crick Institute is thrilled to announce that the 6th edition of the symposium "**From 3D Light to 3D Electron Microscopy**", in collaboration with EMBL Heidelberg, GW Charis and ZEISS, bringing together leading experts and enthusiasts in the field. The symposium is dedicated to the critical intersection between light and electron microscopy, with a focus on correlative workflows and multiscale 3D imaging, providing comprehensive multi-scale insights into biological structures.
This unique event will be offered in a flexible hybrid format, allowing researchers to engage either in person at The Francis Crick Institute, London or virtually from anywhere in the world.

Link to Information Page & Registration Form

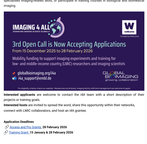
Global BioImaging News

Happening TODAY!
Webinar | 11 | 14:00 CET

This session offers a valuable opportunity to explore the **Imaging Scientist Job Description**, the **competencies and initiatives that are particularly relevant to imaging scientists**. The last half of the session will be dedicated to a live Q&A, so we encourage you to bring your questions.

Register Here!

"HOW TO TALK TO YOUR FUNDER"
EMBO Workshop on Grants for Imaging Facilities



Imaging 4 All - 3rd Call for Applications Now Open
13 December 2025 | Worldwide

Global BioImaging (GBI) has launched the third open call for the **Imaging 4 All (I4A)** – a monthly funding programme supporting researchers and imaging scientists based in **low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)**.

I4A provides fully funded support for scientific visits to imaging facilities and laboratories with imaging equipment worldwide, enabling grantees to carry out imaging experiments, develop collaborations, integrate imaging-related skills, or participate in training courses in biological and biomedical imaging.

Interested applicants are welcome to contact the I4A team with a short description of their research and training interests.
Interested hosts are invited to spread the word, share this opportunity with their networks, connect with LMIC collaborators, and host an I4A grantee.

Learn more here:
Access the FAQ page, 26 February 2026
Training Grant, 28 January & 28 February 2026

GBI at the Launch of Imaging South East Asia (ISEA)
12 - 13 December 2025 | Monash University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Read Lisette's Post about the event
Link to the ISEA website

Global BioImaging was proud to co-organise and participate in the inaugural **Imaging South East Asia (ISEA) Conference**, represented by **Yera Hers** (Strategic Alliances Manager) and **Dana Sufrinjan** (Scientific Project Manager, Imaging). The meeting marked the official launch of the **ISEA regional imaging network** within GBI and generated strong momentum around a shared vision to advance and sustain bioimaging across the region through coordinated training, shared access to infrastructure, robust data management solutions, a collaborative roadmap, and sustainable approaches to imaging facilities and networks.

Beyond the conference, GBI also took part in an engaging **STEM outreach activity**, where children participated in hands-on microscopy demonstrations and plant samples, highlighting the importance of early scientific curiosity and accessible imaging tools.

The next **GBI meeting** will take place at **Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia, in 2026.**

Image Credit: GBI

GBI at India BioImaging's First Annual Meeting & Renewed Euro-BioImaging Partnership
11-13 December 2025 | Mysuru, India

Read Lisette's Post about the event

GBI Coordinator **Anja Kappler** and **Aurélie Mathez**, Head of Image Data Services at Euro-BioImaging, represented Global BioImaging and Euro-BioImaging at **IndiaBI 2025**, the first annual meeting of India BioImaging, held in Mysuru. Alongside a strong scientific programme and networking activities, the meeting facility staff and industry partners, the meeting marked the renewal of **Euro-BioImaging's Memorandum of Understanding with India BioImaging**. Building on a decade of collaboration, the MoU will enable joint training initiatives, shared access to research infrastructure, joint training activities, and open access to cutting-edge bioimaging technologies.

Image Credit: GBI

Around the Globe

German Bioimaging receives DFG funding
Cologne, Germany | Ongoing

German Bioimaging – Society for Microscopy and Image Analysis (Gerät-GMB) is pleased to announce that they were awarded the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft **(DFG)** funding for the collaborative project **"Increased Resource Efficiency in Light Microscopy: Lifetime Standard and Standards"** aimed at increasing resource efficiency in light microscopy. Led by researchers from Leibniz-Institute for Photonic Technology, the project focuses on calibration standards, quality control procedures and community standards.

The work directly supports the international QUAREP-LM initiative and focuses on improving instrument monitoring, standardization, and data quality. Ultimately, this will reduce downtime, extend equipment lifespans, and promote more sustainable and reproducible microscopy practices.

Article by German Bioimaging

3 Job Openings Available for the QUAREP-LM Initiative
Remote | Ongoing | Worldwide

Out of the DFG funding awarded to German Bioimaging in collaboration with Heike Heilemann from TU Dresden and Robert Haase from University of Hamburg, 3 job positions have opened for the QUAREP-LM initiative.

These positions are related to Light Microscopy Metadata, Quality Control, and Community Management and support the development of sustainable standards, tools, and community structures for light microscopy.

The roles are:
- Lead Specialist - Light Microscopy Model (LMM)
- Lead Specialist - Validation Team
- Community Coordinator - QUAREP-LMI

Apply before the deadline: **15 January 2026**

For More information on the job listings
Link to the application portal

REGISTRATION OPEN | German Bioimaging Community Meeting
18 - 19 March 2026 | Fulda, Germany

German Bioimaging is excited to announce that registration is officially open for the **German Bioimaging Community Meeting** taking place on 18 - **19 March 2026** at the **Co-Freiarbeitung Conference Monastery in Fulda, Germany**.

The Gerät-GMB Community Meeting is held every other year alternating with Trends in Microscopy and is the coming together of Gerät-GMB members and interested imaging scientists from academia and industry.

All Gerät-members and also non Gerät-GMB members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Registration deadline: 1st **February 2026**
Link to The Community Meeting Information Page
Link to the Registration Form

SAVE THE DATE: GW x BNA 2026
27 September - 2 October 2026 | Washburn, USA

The Gerät-GMB Community Meeting is coming back to Washburn in 2026! The Congress will be in conjunction with Image X Bioimaging (GW) and will include Gerät-workshops.

BNA Event Support Program
BNA is excited to announce that they are combining the **Professional Development Program** and **Regional Event Support Program** into a single unsolicited initiative, the **BNA Event Support Program**.

This program provides support for a broad range of events, including training courses, workshops, and conferences, with a focus on professional development, skill building, leadership, mentoring skills, and image data management. Further continuing to foster community engagement.

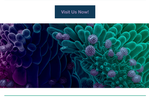
Open to BNA organizers in Canada, Mexico, the United States, and its territories.
Link to Information Page to Find out More

In case you missed it

Advancing Global Standards for Biomedical Imaging Data: New GMBO Reports Article from the GBI Community

A Global Effort Toward Standards for Data Sharing in Biomedical Imaging: Developing Consensus and Infrastructure for Global Data Interoperability" has authored by members of the Global Alliance GMBO Biomedical Imaging Community Working Group and was inspired by the workshop on the same topic held earlier this year.

Read the full article Here!



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