Introductions – Microscopy

The introduction to microscopy consists of 3 modules taking place on consecutive days.

Each block will take 2-2.5h



Day1 - Fundamental concepts of Microscopy

- 1. Fundamentals of light microscopy: Optical components, numerical aperture and image planes
- 2. Light paths and geometrical optics: Image formation, reflection and refraction, optical aberrations
- 3. Diffraction and interference: Abbes diffraction limit and Rayleigh criterion
- 4. Spatial resolution

Day2 - Optical Sectioning

- 1. Fluorescence
- 2. Optical sectioning by point-scanning confocal and spinning disk microscopy
- 3. Airyscan Microscopy
- 4. Two-photon Microscopy
- 5. Lightsheet Microscopy
- 6. TIRF (total internal reflection microscopy)
- 7. Structured Illumination

Day 3 - Basics of FIJI: what can be done with acquired data

- 1. Properties and problems of digital images
- 2. Installation and update procedures in Fiji, starting macros and plugins
- 3. Open/import/export images
- 4. Change Image appearance: brightness/contrast, LUT, image size
- 5. Image handling (ROIs, stacks, properties, calibration, etc.)
- 6. Channels Tool: split/join/merge channels
- 7. Thresholding and segmentation
- 8. Measurements