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## 2026 Buehler Microstructure Calendar Entry Form

The Buehler Microstructure Calendar is a recognized forum for excellence in this unique area of technical expertise. Publication in the calendar is open to anyone who has achieved a level of excellence in materials preparation. If you would like to submit an entry for the 2026 edition, please do so according to the following guidelines.

### GUIDELINES

#### **SUBJECT OF PHOTO MICROGRAPH:**

- Microstructural details or hardness indents of any metallic, non-metallic, geological or bio-related materials.
- Image must be obtained through the use of a light optical microscope (no SEM or TEM).
- Image must not be digitally pseudo colored or enhanced.

#### **REQUIRED INFORMATION:**

- Completed entry form.
- Brief title statement that details the material depicted in the image.
- The original magnification used to acquire the image.
- The illumination mode used, such as brightfield, darkfield, polarized light, reflected or transmitted, differential interference contrast (DIC), phase contrast, or any other relevant information concerning the illumination and observation methods.
- Details of any etchants used to reveal the microstructure, including the chemical formulation where applicable.



## **IMAGE REQUIREMENTS:**

**(Images not meeting the requirements will not be accepted)**

- The entry must be uniformly illuminated and have sharp, crisp, in-focus details.
- The image cannot have a scale-bar.
- Digital files **MUST** be JPG, TIF or BMP and 120 DPI (printed size will be 13in x 9in).
- 8in x 10in [200 x 250mm] up to 11in x 14in [275 x 350mm] color photo prints will also be accepted.
- You may only submit 5 images each year.
- Images must be less than 8MB

## **SEND MATERIALS BY MAIL:**

- Please place CD/DVD, prints, or transparencies in a flat pack, padded envelope to support image during shipping and send to the following address:

Attn: Marketing – Calendar 2026 Buehler,  
a division of Illinois Tool Works Inc. 41  
Waukegan Road  
Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044

## **SEND FILES ELECTRONICALLY:**

- If this is your preference, please contact us at (847) 295-6500, [marketing@buehler.com](mailto:marketing@buehler.com) or you can submit with the form on <https://www.buehler.com/buehler-calendar-submission.php>

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:**

July 31st, 2025



## **WINNERS:**

If your entry is published, you will receive an honorarium of \$200 per image and the privilege of having your work displayed worldwide. Selected calendar entries become the sole property of Buehler and may be used in other publications. If you have further questions, please contact us at: (847) 295-6500 or email: [marketing@buehler.com](mailto:marketing@buehler.com).