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Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find this year's selection of prize-winning Olympus BioScapes images and videos, along with a press release about the competition. Olympus BioScapes is the world's foremost forum for honoring life science images and movies captured through light microscopes. The competition focuses on the fascinating stories behind the images - stories about the important work going on in laboratories around the world. We hope you enjoy perusing these outstanding images as much as we have.

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All images must be credited with at least the following information: the name of photographer, and the fact that the image was a winner in the 2008 Olympus BioScapes Digital Imaging Competition. Additional caption information and thumbnails of each image are included in a separate document in this section of the website.

If you'd like to see the images and movies at full screen size, please view them in the Winners' Gallery at www.olympusbioscapes.com.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the images, photographers or the competition itself. We welcome your inquiries.

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