

Basic Instructions for LSM 5 DUO

Starting the System

- turn on the **System/PC** switch and then the **Components** switch on the desk
- log in as Administrator (there is no password, just hit OK)
- launch LSM 5 DUO program (Scan New Images + Start Expert Mode)

Before Scanning

- in *Acquire/Config* choose Channel Mode and Single Track, then click **Config**, choose a desired configuration and load it by **Apply**. For example:
 - GFP, FITC – Ex 488 Em (narrow band, FITC)
 - green and red double labeling – Ex 488/561 (FITC, GFP / Rhodamin, ...)
 - DAPI – Ex 405 (DAPI, eBFP)
- in *Acquire/Laser* switch on lasers required for this configuration (if **On** in not activ, click **StandBy** first)

Scanning

- in *Acquire/Scan* window **Reset Zoom** in Mode
- set the optimal Pinhole by clicking **1** in Channels (and after each objective change)
- set laser power in Channels (approx. 3-15%)
- set Images Size in Mode (512 at the beginning and for Z Stack, higher for final pictures), **Optimal** says the highest reasonable resolution (for objective and zoom used)
- set Scan Average in Mode (typically – Mode: Frame (or Line for Z Stack); Method: Mean; Number: 1 (fast scanning) or 2 and higher (for high quality pictures))
- click **Find** to gain the first picture, **Fast XY** (preview) when focusing or moving the specimen, **Continuous** (final quality) when focusing or moving too faint specimen, **Single** to make the final picture, **Stop** will stop Fast XY or Continuous scanning
- adjust Detector Gain and Amplifier Offset (contrast and brightness) in Channels using **Palette** of your image changed to Range Indicator (red and blue spots should disappear) in case of double labeling set it subsequently for both channels
- if your sample is too faint open the Pinhole a little bit in Channels
- before scanning next image click **New** or save your previous picture

Z Stack:

activate Z Stack > in the fold Mark First/Last enter Number of slices of Interval between slices > hit **Fast XY** and mark First and Last section when focusing > focus back to the first > hit **Start**
deactivate Z Stack if you want to use scanning of single images

Saving images

- in image window click **Save** choose your database, enter name of the image and save
- opened (or re-opened images from a database) can be exported to JPG or TIF via *File/Export*, choose Full resolution image and save
- this PC is offline, burn your data on DVD. Do not use USB flash drive

Switching off the System

switch off all lasers > close the software > shut down the computer > turn off the **Components** switch and then the **System/PC** switch - NOT LESS then **5 min after lasers** were switched off!

After Work

CLEAN immersion objectives (if used) > COVER the microscope > SIGN out in the book

General Comments

- if you don't intend to use UV lamp in your further work, switch it off (you can turn it on again after 20 min)
- if the software freezes, right down the actual time in the book
- in case of any problems contact Jan Petrášek or Katka Malínská (l. 435)
- for any special application (FRAP, FRET, Multitrack, Lambda Scan) ask for our help
- person who doesn't follow CLEAN - COVER - SIGN rules will be prosecuted (executed)

Reservations

<http://lhr.ueb.cas.cz/res>