



## **ESB Newsletter Spring 2017**

Dear Friends of the ESB,

This is a brief, but important issue of our ESB Newsletter. The Newsletter reports important information regarding the outcome of the recent ESB Council election, changes in our bylaws to be ratified at the next general assembly that will be held during the 28<sup>th</sup> ESB2017 conference in Athens and an update about the report on biomaterials research translation in Europe that will also be launched in Athens.

For me this is also the last Newsletter as I will complete my mandate as the President of the ESB in September. I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and feedbacks during the last 4 years. It has been an amazing experience and a great privilege for me to be the leader of this prestigious society. We have tried our best to improve our organisation and to offer to our community the service it deserves. Assessing these four years of hard work, I found things I could have done differently and better, but overall I am proud of what we have achieved. Particularly, I am proud of the ESB Council who has supported me. I was lucky to have talented colleagues advising me and driving activities that we hope will help your research. My deepest gratitude goes to them and to you all for the invaluable support.

### **Communication**

*28<sup>th</sup> ESB Conference, Athens 4-8 September 2017*

The ESB Council met in Athens on 6 April for the periodic meeting. As per tradition of our Council we had the opportunity to be updated by Prof Maria Chatzinikolaidou and her team about the progress of the conference organisation. We were impressed by the professional approach of the local organising committee, by the new features that the conference will present and by the fantastic venue that we had the privilege to visit. Good luck to Prof Chatzinikolaidou and her team. We cannot wait to be there and enjoy the exciting scientific and social programmes reserved for us.

### *ESB Council Election Outcome*

The outcome of the recent elections has independently been verified by one of our members, Prof Elizabeth Tanner. The actual votes will be presented at the General Assembly in Athens. In the meantime, I am delighted to announce the newly elected ESB Council in alphabetic order:

Prof Marc Bohner, Switzerland  
Prof Peter Dubruel, Belgium  
Prof Silvia Fare', Italy  
Prof Pamela Habibovic, The Netherlands  
Prof Abhay Pandit, Republic of Ireland

Congratulations to them all for this achievement. I am sure that with their dedication, long-standing experience in biomaterials research and wide networks they will be an asset for our Society and make it thriving in the years to come.

I would like to thank the candidates who generously accepted the nomination to stand for election and who were not elected. These are Prof Julian Jones and Prof Alvaro Mata, UK and Dr Miguel Oliveira, Portugal. I have no doubt that they will have other opportunities to contribute to the activities of our Society in the future.

#### *Change of Bylaws*

After a very careful revision of our bylaws the Council decided to propose changes of our terms that can better serve our community. As required, the proposed amendments are circulated to all ESB members by email ahead of the General Assembly. An opportunity to debate the changes will be given at the same assembly where their approval will be sought by vote.

#### **Innovation**

##### *Technopreneurship Scheme.*

We are delighted to communicate that the Report on the Biomaterials Research Translation in Europe has been completed and it has been sent out for printing. We will launch it at the next ESB 2017 Conference in Athens. The report issued by the research group INGENIO, Universitat Politecnica Valencia, Spain has been produced with the design of Brenton Blue, UK and will feature opinion leaders' papers. The report will be disseminated for free as both hard glossy print and electronic file on our website. The ESB Council and I would like to thank the Presidents of all the national societies who have supported this study and contributed to it with precious advice and feedback. We are very grateful to Dr Davide Consoli, Dr Pable D'Este and Dr Francois Perruchas, INGENIO and Mr Will Nice, Brenton Blue for their dedication and excellent work. Last but not least, we want to thank all those who have responded to our questionnaire the data of which informed the report.

#### **Education**

Thanks to the hard work of our vice-President, Prof Joelle Amedee we have made other substantial step forward in our Education activities. In Athens there will be a number of young awardees who will be celebrated during the assembly of our Young Scientist Forum. There are other initiatives that are in preparation for 2018; we hope to be able to announce them in Athens as well.

In the meantime have a fantastic summer!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Athens

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matteo Santin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'S'.

Prof Matteo Santin

(on behalf of the ESB Council)

Brighton, UK 17 July 2017