



ESB Newsletter Winter 2017

Dear Friends of the ESB,

As we are coming out of this Winter we would like to update you about the actions taken by our Council in the last few months.

Few important changes are about to take place in the governance of our Society. It is important for you to read and carefully consider them in preparation of the next General Assembly that will take place during the annual ESB Conference in Athens.

In the meantime, the Council and I would like to wish you a lovely Spring time!

Prof Matteo Santin
ESB President

Brighton 20/03/2017

Communication

ESB Membership

The process of renewal of the ESB memberships for 2017 is currently taking place. We would like to thank the many colleagues who, once again, have renewed their support and trust in our Society. For those who have not yet renewed their membership for this calendar year, please consider to do it soon as this will enable you to cast your vote for the ESB Council election and to benefit from the discounts at a number of upcoming conferences. As already announced in the previous newsletter, the membership fees have once again been frozen for another year.

Please note that members who have renewed their membership for 2017 should receive a code from our administration enabling them to access and download for free the issues of the Society journal, *Journal Materials Science: Materials in Medicine*. If you have not received the code please contact our secretary at

secretary@esbiomaterials.eu

Calls for the Election of ESB Council Members

The election for 5 seats of our Council is now opened for online voting. We are delighted to have received nominations for 8 colleagues of our community. These are:

- 1 [Abhay Pandit](#)
- 2 [Alvaro Mata](#)
- 3 [Marc Bohner](#)
- 4 [Miguel Oliveira](#)
- 5 [Pamela Habibovic](#)
- 6 [Peter Dubruel](#)
- 7 [Silvia Farè](#)
- 8 [Julian Jones](#)

Any member who has renewed his/her membership for 2017 can **cast 5 votes** online by no later than **30th April 2017, 22:00 Central Europe Time**. Members who wish to vote need to login in the membership area and select their account page from the drop menu. There they will find the link to the electronic ballot system.

Calls for Nominations for the ESB Awards

Once again the ESB has proudly received nominations for candidates for all the main awards. The independent committee has carefully considered their credentials and had to make difficult choices as all the nominated colleagues had outstanding profiles. We are delighted to announce that the awardees for the three main prizes are:

Prof John Jansen, NL, George Winter Award

Prof Dieter Hutmacher, AUS, International Award

Prof Sandra Van Vlierberghe, B, Jean Leray Award

Congratulations to all of them. We are proud to have their names added to the prestigious list and grateful to them for the contribution they have been giving to our Society for many years.

Bids for future ESB Conferences

We confirm we have received applications for the organisation of the ESB conferences in 2021 and 2022. The Council will now invite those colleagues who have applied to move to the second phase of selection according to the guidelines.

Changes in the ESB Bylaws and Statute

In their goal of modernizing the governance of our Society, the Council members will soon propose some amendments to the texts of both the ESB Bylaws and Statute. We will soon circulate the text with the proposed amendments which are necessary to respond to changes in our environment and which can capitalise on IT now available to our administration. The main amendments aim

to change the membership system and to ratify the electronic voting system. We propose a membership system that will be linked to the registration fee at our annual conference. This appeared to be the preferred scheme by both the Council and the national societies as it would reduce the bureaucracy and the relative costs and increase the number of members. Taking into account that colleagues may not be able to attend the annual conference, the proposal still gives the opportunity to become member through the registration procedure through our website.

ESB Upcoming Events and Meetings

This is a reminder of the events that have been previously announced. We are delighted that both our annual conference in Athens and the bi-annual conference in collaboration with our dear friends of the Chinese biomaterials community have attracted a large number of abstract submissions.

The website of the **ESB conference 2017** was launched a few months ago (<http://www.esb2017.org/>).

Alongside the ESB annual conference, 4-8 September 2017, we will also contribute to host the **6th China-Europe Society for Biomaterials Conference in Porto from 21st to 24th May 2017**. We are excited by this additional event and very grateful to Prof Barbosa and his team in Portugal for hosting the event. Please visit our website for more details about both ESB annual conference and CESB 2017.

The ESB organizes a symposium at TERMIS 2017 (<https://www.termis.org/eu2017/index.php>). The topic is “Biophysical, Biological Cues for Tissue Regeneration”. The invited speakers are Patricia Dankers (Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands), Sandra Van Vlierberghe (University of Gent, Belgium), Alex Vasilevich (Maastricht University, Netherlands), and Dimitrios Zeugolis (University of Galway, Ireland).

We will report on the CESB2017 conference and on the progress of the ESB2017 organisation in the next Newsletter. The ESB Council has scheduled two meetings that will be held in

1. Athens on 5th and 6th April when we will visit the conference venue and discuss organisation matters with the local organising committee
2. Porto during the CESB17 conference where other important Council initiatives will be discussed and deliberated.

Innovation

Technopreneurship Scheme.

The research group INGENIO, University polytechnic of Valencia has now completed the analysis of the questionnaire data received from a very healthy number of respondents across Europe.

The first draft of the report will be ready by 13th April 2017 when it will be circulated to the Presidents of the National Society and relevant focus groups for

a round of revision. The final draft will integrate the feedback received from the supporting working groups and will be sent for printing in summer. We will work hard to make sure its launch at the next ESB conference; this will be a main feature of our Technopreneurship scheme and of the symposium on research translation organised as any other year at our ESB conference.

Education

In the coming months we will announce the names of the young scientists who have received the Julia Polak European Doctorate Award and for Rachel LeGeros Award in 2017.

The awardees will be invited to collect their awards at the next ESB conference in Athens alongside any successful candidates for 2016.