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Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,

The first ever Virtual World Biomaterials Congress has finished, and we look back with pride at five days of excellent science and lively discussions. Among many others, the 2020 awardee of the ESB International Award, Professor David Grainger, delivered the highly inspiring lecture “Infectious advocacy for international research programs and opportunities”. Congratulations David and thank you for your contribution to the field of biomaterials!

While all of us imagined this congress to be very different, the Executive Organizing Committee, Professor Liz Tanner, Professor Lucy Di Silvio and Professor Nicholas Dunne have made the very best of the current situation and succeeded in bringing together the global biomaterials community online. Please join me in thanking them for pioneering their way through organisation of online congresses and delivering a fantastic event.

During the Opening Ceremony of the 2020 Virtual WBC, the new Fellows of the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUSBSE) were inducted. Among the 83 new Fellows, 13 excellent European scientists received recognition for their outstanding contribution to the field of biomaterials. Congratulations to the newly elected Fellows: Dr. Yves Bayon, Dr. Maria Maria Chatzinikolaïdou, Prof. Roberto Chiesa, Professor Lucy Di Silvio, Professor Michael Gelinsky, Professor Maria-Pau Ginebra, Dr. Pedro Granja, Professor João Mano, Dr. Maria Cristina Martins, Professor Yannis Missirlis, Professor Elżbieta Pamuła, Professor Matteo Santin and Professor Pierre Weiss.

Professor Joachim Kohn and Professor Mário Barbosa started their term as President and Secretary of the IUSBSE, respectively. We thank Professor Xingdong Zhang and Professor Keith McLean for a fruitful collaboration in the past years.

Looking forward to new events of our society and new opportunities to meet again, hopefully in person, the organisation of the **31st Annual Meeting of the European Society for Biomaterials** that will be held in Porto, Portugal, on 5-9 September 2021 is in full swing. The call for abstracts is now open and will close on **15 March 2021**. For more information, please visit the conference website <https://esb2021.org/abstracts/>.

We invite bids for **organization of the 35th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Biomaterials** that will take place in 2026. The deadline for bids is 31 January 2021. For more details, please visit our website <https://www.esbiomaterials.eu/Cms/Content/17>.

We would also like to remind you that the deadline for applications for ESB’s Julia Polak European Doctorate Awards and Raquel LeGeros Travel Awards is on 31 January 2021. To apply, please visit the ESB website: <https://www.esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/11>.

Last but not least, we invite you to **nominate candidates for the five seats that will become available in the council** starting from September 2021. Eligible candidates are members of the ESB in good standing. Candidates need to be nominated by another ESB member in good standing.

Nominations should include a one-page resume and a letter of application of the nominee, both signed by the nominee. The deadline for nomination is 28 February, 2021 and the online voting will be possible between 3 and 31 March, 2021. Nominations can be submitted online at <https://form.jotform.com/210046163408345>.

Finally, on behalf of the ESB Council, I would like to wish you and your beloved ones a happy, healthy and successful 2021!

Kind regards,



Pamela Habibovic, President