



AO Research Institute Davos donates €25,000 to the European Society for Biomaterials

Following the successful hosting of the European Society for Biomaterials (ESB) 2023 conference in Davos, AO Research Institute Davos (ARI) has donated a portion of the conference earnings to the ESB. A significant part of this donation will support the society's George Winter Award.

Dr. Matteo D'Este, Focus Area Leader Biomedical Materials at ARI and chair of the ESB 2023 conference, reflected: "Hosting ESB 2023 has been an unforgettable experience. We are grateful to the ESB for their trust in selecting Davos as the location for their 33rd annual conference. The active participation of all presenters, delegates, and exhibitors made this event an overwhelming success."

The conference's success extended beyond its scientific achievements to include financial prosperity. As a result, the ARI has decided to donate €25,000 to the ESB.

ARI Director Prof. Geoff Richards highlighted, "At the ARI, we recognize the significant role of the ESB in advancing research, promoting collaboration, and fostering innovation in biomaterials. The ESB's dedication to facilitating the exchange of knowledge and supporting the growth of its community is admirable".

The donation will be allocated as follows: €2,000 annually for the next 12 George Winter Awards, with the remaining €1,000 designated for Young Scientists Forum activities.

Prof. Nicholas Dunne, President of the ESB, expressed his gratitude: "We are deeply appreciative of ARI's generous donation. Their support will significantly enhance our ability to recognize excellence in biomaterials research through the George Winter Award and nurture the next generation of scientists through our Young Scientists Forum. Such collaborations are vital for advancing the biomaterials field and ultimately improving patient care.

Dr. D'Este added, "We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of our donation on the important work of the ESB".

About AO Research Institute Davos

AO Research Institute Davos, an institute of the AO Foundation, advances patient care through innovative orthopedic research and development. Its goals are to contribute high-quality applied preclinical research and development focused on clinical applications and solutions, investigate and improve surgical procedures, devices, and substances' performance, and build a close relationship with the AO Foundation's medical community, academic societies and universities.

The AO Foundation is a medically guided, not-for-profit organization, a global network of surgeons, and the world's leading education, innovation, and research organization specializing in the surgical treatment of trauma and musculoskeletal disorders.

About the European Society for Biomaterials

The ESB is a leading non-profit organization founded in 1976, focused on advancing biomaterials science. With approximately 1,300 members from over 30 countries, the ESB promotes collaboration among scientists, clinicians, and industry professionals to drive research and innovation in biomaterials for medical applications.

As a member of the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Sciences and Engineering, the ESB connects scientists, clinicians, industrialists, and regulatory experts worldwide, facilitating the exchange of ideas and disseminating knowledge through its annual conferences, which attract approximately 1,200 participants. These conferences showcase the latest research developments in biomaterials science, tissue engineering, regenerative medicine, and medical device technology.

Information about the ESB can be found on their official website: <https://esbiomaterials.eu>.

About the George Winter Award

The George Winter Award was established by the ESB to recognize, encourage and stimulate outstanding research contributions to the field of biomaterials. The nominee must have contributed significantly to the knowledge in the field of biomaterials through basic, experimental and/or clinical research. The award will be presented annually during the ESB conference.

The nominee needs neither to be a member of the ESB nor a citizen of a European country. Posthumous nominations are not considered. Winners of the International Award are not eligible for the George Winter Award (and vice versa).

More information about the George Winter Award can be found on their official website: <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/george-winter-award>.



Nicholas Dunne, President (on behalf of the ESB Council)