



ESB Newsletter September 21, 2023 – In Memoriam: Professor Julio San Roman

Dear ESB Members,

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of Professor Julio San Roman on September 20. We convey our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Professor Julio San Roman on behalf of the ESB Council and the entire Biomaterials community.

Professor San Roman's contributions to the fields of polymer chemistry and biomaterials were not only significant but also emblematic of his unwavering commitment to our Society. Serving as a dedicated member of the ESB Council from 2009 to 2013, he held the role of Liaison Officer for the National Affiliated Societies, fostering connections across our foundational network. In 2013, he chaired the very successful 25th Annual Conference of the ESB in Madrid, a testament to his leadership and dedication.

Beyond our Society, Professor San Roman's influence extended to other vital institutions and societies. He assumed the position of President for the Iberian Society for Biomechanics and Biomaterials, the Polymer Section of the Spanish Royal Society of Chemistry, and the European Polymer Federation, furthering his impact on the broader scientific community.

In recognition of his remarkable contributions, Professor San Roman was elected Fellow of the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering in 2004, an accolade that underscored his significant contributions to our field and Society. In 2018, Professor San Roman received the ESB George Winter award, established by the ESB to recognize, encourage and stimulate outstanding research contributions to the field of biomaterials.

Professor San Roman's passion for science was matched only by his belief in the power of collaboration. Additionally, his warmth, cheerfulness, and friendship left an indelible mark on those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Today, we not only mourn the loss of a brilliant scientist but also a mentor and a cherished friend. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

With heartfelt sympathy,

The ESB Council



Professor Julio San Roman receiving the George Winter Award 2018 during the ESB Annual Conference, held in 2018 in Maastricht, the Netherlands. (M. Santin, **J San Roman**, E. Tanner)