



ESB Newsletter May 2018

Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Young Scientists Forum of the ESB has been enriched with 5 new representatives. Following the elections earlier this year, the following young scientists have been elected to join the board of YSF representatives:

Elena Maria Varoni, University of Milan, Italy

Nicola Contessi, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Liliana Moreira Teixeira, Maastricht University, the Netherlands

David Barata, Maastricht University, the Netherlands

Arn Mignon, University of Ghent, Belgium.

Congratulations to all new representatives! We look forward to your activities within the YSF in the coming years.

In January 2018, the NOBEL Consortium, an EU funded H2020 project coordinated by the European Technology Platform on Nanomedicine (ETPN), organized a workshop "Creating a meta-roadmap" with the aim to define trends in healthtech, including gaps, potential synergies among technologies and potential cross technologies. I attended this workshop on behalf of the ESB and committed to further collaborate with the initiative, representing the interests of the ESB members and keeping them informed about relevant developments regarding, for example, future EC funding of biomaterials research and development.

The preparations for the next annual ESB conference that will take place September 9-13 2018 in Maastricht, the Netherlands, are in full swing. The organizing committee has received over 900 abstracts and is currently developing an exciting scientific and social programme. A part of the programme are two special sessions co-organized with our sister societies, the Canadian Society for Biomaterials and the Korean Society for Biomaterials. For more information, please visit the conference website <http://www.esb2018maastricht.org>.

The early-bird registration for the conference will close on the 31st of May, and the presenting authors are expected to register for the conference before the end of June.

I would like to remind you that the ESB council offers Rudolf Cimdin's scholarships that cover the registration fee for the ESB conferences of undergraduate and graduate students who would otherwise not be able to attend the conference, as they have to travel a very long distance or come from a poorly funded country/group.

Applications close on the 31st of May! For more information, visit the ESB website <http://www.esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/11>.

Should you have any questions, remarks or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Looking forward to meeting you all in Maastricht in September.

Kind regards,

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(on behalf of the ESB council)