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Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,

Welcome to the latest edition of the ESB Newsletter!

As the summer holidays approach, we would like to bring to your attention to some important information ahead of the upcoming ESB 2025 Conference in Turin.

### **ESB Scientific 2025 Awardees**

We are delighted to inform you that the Independent Awards Committee of the ESB has selected the winners of the ESB Scientific Awards 2025. We want to thank Professor Maria Pau Ginebra, Professor Lucy Di Silvio, Professor Mirosława ElFrąy, Professor Peter Dubruel and Professor Aldo Boccaccini, the members of the 2025 Awards Committee, for taking on this important task. They had to choose from a total of six nominations for the George Winter Award, nine nominations for the Jean Leray Award, five nominations for the International Award and four nominations for the Klaas de Groot Award. I would also like to thank our members for their nominations, which are a testimony to the involvement of our community with our society and your appreciation of the work of our colleagues.

The winner of the [2025 George Winter Award](#) is Professor **Molly Stevens**. The George Winter award was established to recognise, encourage and stimulate outstanding research contributions to the field of biomaterials.

The winner of the [2025 Jean Leray Award](#) is Dr. **Andrew Daly**. The Jean Leray award was established to recognise, encourage and stimulate outstanding research contributions to the field of biomaterials by early-career scientists.

The winner of the [2025 International Award](#) is Professor **Xingdong Zhang**. The International award was established as a recognition of scientists who have generally spent their career outside Europe, who have been internationally recognised, have a high scientific profile, and have made major contributions to the field of biomaterials.

The winner of the [2025 Klaas de Groot Award](#) is Professor **Liz Tanner**. The Klaas de Groot award was established as a prestigious recognition of scientists who have shown a distinct ability to provide excellent mentorship and guidance to young researchers, helping them to establish their independent careers.

Congratulations to all awardees on this great achievement! The 2025 awardees have been invited to deliver a **plenary lecture** at our [next ESB annual meeting](#) that will take place between the 7th and 11th of September 2025 in Turin, Italy (<https://esb2025.org>). Please do not miss the opportunity to hear their plenary lectures and celebrate their achievements in person!

## ESB Council Elections - New Vote Required

In an **unprecedented development**, the recent ESB Council elections have resulted in a tie between two candidates. According to the [ESB Byelaws](#), a second ballot must be held to resolve the tie.

This decisive vote will take place during the **ESB General Assembly** at the ESB 2025 Conference. All **ESB members who are physically present** at the General Assembly will have the opportunity to cast their vote via an electronic secret ballot system.

Please note that a **smartphone with internet access** is required to participate in the voting process. The candidate who receives a **simple majority** will be elected.

To help you prepare for the vote, the **CVs and letters of application** for both candidates are available on the [ESB Elections webpage](#), or can be accessed [here](#).

## ESB 2025 – Turin, Italy

[ESB 2025](#) is fast approaching (September 7-11, 2025), and we are excited to welcome you to Turin, a city rich in history, culture, and innovation. This year's conference promises an outstanding scientific programme, featuring: inspiring **plenary speakers**, prestigious **ESB** and **RSC award lectures**, **translational sessions**, **lunch seminars** and more.

Beyond the science, enhance your ESB 2025 experience by taking part in our vibrant social events, designed to foster networking and community in some of Turin's most iconic venues. You can select these during the registration process:

- **Welcome party** - Sunday 7 September, [Lingotto Congress Center](#) (*Free*)
- **YSF Night-Out** - Tuesday 9 September, [Hiroshima Mon Amour](#) (€ 40 per person)
- **Social Dinner** - Wednesday 10 September, [OGR – Officine Grandi Riparazioni](#) (€ 120 per person)

For the latest updates on **ESB 2025**, follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [X!](#) We look forward to welcoming you to Turin!

## Upcoming ESB Conferences

The European Society for Biomaterials (ESB) is pleased to announce its upcoming annual conferences. As previously mentioned, the [34th Annual Conference \(ESB 2025\)](#) will take place in the beautiful city of **Turin, Italy**, from **September 7-11, 2025**, and we look forward to welcoming the ESB community to what promises to be a vibrant and fruitful event. Be sure to complete your registration and enhance your ESB 2025 experience by taking part in the exciting social event programme.

Looking ahead, the [35th Annual Conference \(ESB 2026\)](#) will be held in **Antwerp, Belgium**, from **September 7–11, 2026**. We are delighted to announce that the **36th Annual Conference (ESB 2027)** will be hosted in the historic and innovative city of **Uppsala, Sweden**, from **September 5–9, 2027**. We look forward to inspiring scientific programmes in both **Antwerp** and **Uppsala**. We are also excited to announce that the **37th Annual Conference (ESB 2029)** will take place in the **twin cities of Newcastle upon Tyne and Gateshead, UK**, from **September 2–6, 2029**.

Interested in hosting a future ESB conference? If a national society, research centre, or group would like to host the **39th Annual Conference (ESB 2031)**, please contact our Liaison Officer with Conference Organisers ([LiaisonConferenceOfficer@esbiomaterials.eu](mailto:LiaisonConferenceOfficer@esbiomaterials.eu)). The **deadline for applications is January 31, 2026**.

## Symposium Update – ESB National Affiliated Societies and the Chinese Society for Biomaterials

We are pleased to announce an upcoming symposium at the ESB2025 Conference, jointly organized by the National Affiliated Societies of the ESB and its Sister Society, the Chinese Society for Biomaterials (CSBM).

The symposium, titled “AI-Driven Innovations in Biomaterials and Medical Device Design, Development, and Application,” will feature two distinguished keynote speakers:

**Prof. Yuliang Zhao** (representing CSBM), presenting “*Accelerating Nanomedicine Discovery through Computation and Artificial Intelligence*”.

**Prof. Florian Thieringer** (representing the Swiss Society for Biomaterials, part of ESB), presenting “*Transforming Faces with Technology: Clinical Translation of Virtual Surgical Planning, 3D Printing, and Smart Biomaterials*”.

We look forward to a dynamic session that will showcase cutting-edge advancements at the intersection of artificial intelligence and biomaterials.

#### 2025 Edition of the Official ESB Themed Collection

We are thrilled to introduce the 2025 edition of the Official ESB Themed Collection in Biomaterials Science, which brings new opportunities for ESB members to showcase their work. This year's collection will feature research presented at the ESB2025 annual conference, along with additional papers from ESB members who have opted-in\* to have their Biomaterials Science papers included. These featured papers will be freely accessible for an extended period (though not indefinite open access) and will receive extensive promotion through the ESB newsletter, website and social media, as well as various journal channels.

\*Authors will be prompted upon submission to indicate whether they are an ESB member in good standing, and if they would like their paper added to the collection post-publication.

Kindest regards,



*Nicholas Dunne, President*

*(on behalf of the ESB Council)*