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YSF Newsletter - November 2020

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1. Message from YSF's Spokesperson

Dear ESB members,

2020 is a year that we will remember since it has revolutionized our way of living, acting and researching. Conferences also shifted towards becoming virtual. Along this line, the World Biomaterials Congress Virtual (WBC2020) will take place from December 11-15, with the hope of involving as many young researchers as possible. It will be a new experience for many of us, in sharing the highest scientific quality and excellence in an innovative format.

As ESB-YSF, we invite you to be part of this important event by participating to our **YSF Workshop on December 15, 2020** (starting at 14.50). Relevant topics will be discussed, including project funding, industry, science writing and publishing. In addition, a final session will host the talks from the representatives of other young scientist groups of biomaterials societies around the world: a key moment to network and to know what is happening in other

comments and feelings on YSF activities. We are also glad to inform you that we are organizing a **virtual social YSF event**, prepared in collaboration with the USA Society for Biomaterials Young Scientist Group (more details coming soon).

Finally, let us announce some **important upcoming deadlines** for scientists at the early stage of their career. The deadline for **applications for the Julia Polak European Doctorate Awards** and for the **Raquel LeGeros Awards will be January 31, 2021**. We strongly encourage all young researchers to apply to these prestigious awards. On the same date, the **YSF call for projects 2021**, now open, will close, so please send us your proposal.

Thank you once again for your support in our activities and do not forget to **follow us on Twitter** to make sure you don't miss the latest event news about YSF.

Best regards,
Elena Varoni
(on behalf of the YSF board)



2. YSF ESB events at the WBC2020

The YSF Workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, 2021.

Finalized schedule:

***Section 1: "Project funding and Industry" 14:50-16:20 GMT**

Chair: David Barata (Instituto Medicina Molecular, Lisboa, Portugal) and Liliana Teixeira (University of Twente, Netherlands).

Speakers: Adam Celiz (Imperial College London, United Kingdom), Maria Carvalho (European Commission), Joana Romão (Instituto Nacional da Propriedade Industrial, Portugal), Pedro Costa (BIOFABICS - 3D Biotissue Analogues, Portugal), Jānis Ločs (Riga Technical University, Latvia).

***Section 2: "Science writing & publishing" 16:30-17:30 GMT**

Speakers: Chiara Tonda Turo (Politecnico di Torino, Italy), Christine Horejs (Nature Nanotechnology), Maria Southall (Royal Society of Chemistry).

***Section 3: "International Biomaterials Societies - young scientists around the globe" 17:30-18:10 GMT**

Chair: Liliana Liverani (Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany) and Nicola Contessi (Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom).

Speakers: Khoon Lim (University of Otago, New Zealand) for Australasian Society for Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering (ASBTE), Yufeng Zheng (Peking University, China) for Chinese Society for Biomaterials, Bikramjit Basu (Indian Institute of Science (IISc), India) for Society For Biomaterials & Artificial Organs (India), Brian Aguado (University of Colorado – Boulder, USA) for Society for Biomaterials US.

YSF General Assembly

The YSF General Assembly will be held on **15 December, 2020, at 13.30 GMT**. It is a pivotal moment for sharing achievements, accepting comments and for improving our path together. We strongly invite you to participate this session.

YSF Night Out

The exciting YSF social event will be held in collaboration with the USA Society for Biomaterials Young Scientist Group. We are working on the details to guarantee fun and successful opportunities to socialize with all the participants (although virtually). Follow us on Twitter for updates about the date, time and modalities.

3. ESB education awards

The deadline for the application to the ESB education awards is approaching! The European Society for Biomaterials sponsors two education awards dedicated to young scientists. The deadline for the Julia Polak European Doctorate Award and the Racquel LeGeros Award is **January 31, 2021**.

- **Julia Polak European Doctorate Award.** The award is a scientific recognition for the obtainment of the PhD degree. The award is given by the ESB council and presented during the Annual conference of the Society; the winners will receive a certificate of merit. Requirements and the application form can be found on the [ESB website](#).

- **Racquel LeGeros Award.** This award is given to two graduate students per year who would like to pursue their research in International/European academic laboratories or companies dedicated to biomaterials and regenerative medicine. The aim is to increase the knowledge in a specific topic and/or a technology. The application should be sent to secretary@esbiomaterials.eu, by following the instructions provided on the [ESB website](#).

Submit your application by the 31st of January, 2021 to get the chance to win the ESB education awards!

4. YSF Call for projects 2021

The call is now open for a new round in 2021. If you are a young ESB member (under 40 years old) and you are interested in receiving financial support to organize national or European events in 2021 for the training of young scientists and science dissemination, consider this as an additional tool to boost the success of your event.

In fact, YSF sponsors the organization of events/workshops for a total amount up to 1,200 Euros. YSF may decide to partially sponsor the requested amount, depending on the number of selected applications and evaluation given to the applications. National Chapters (NC) representatives of the Young Scientist Forum are especially encouraged to apply, but also any other YSF-ESB member (under 40 years old) can send an application. In this case, it is mandatory to contact the NC, before sending the application.

Please note that the **deadline for the submission** of the project on this call is **January 31, 2021 and proposal should be sent at ysf@esbiomaterials.eu**.

All information and the application form will be available at: <https://www.esbiomaterials.eu/Cms/Content/24>. For any questions, please contact us: ysf@esbiomaterials.eu.

Event funded by ESB-YSF projects 2020!

For the YSF-ESB projects 2020, one of the awarded event took place next week in virtual modality due to Corona pandemic.

Dr. David Barata organized a session dedicated to the use of biomaterials in

the Portuguese Society for Stem Cells and Cell Therapies (SPCE-TC) with the objective to nurture and promote fundamental and translational research. The event included sessions on the following specific topics: Mimicking development with stem cells and organoids; Organoids in disease I and II; Organ/tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. Due to pandemic situation, this event was an online meeting held on November 23rd, 2020. More info: <https://lnkd.in/dXdyw9v>.

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