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YSF Newsletter - January 2023

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1. Message from the YSF's Spokesperson

Dear ESB and YSF members,

We wish all of you a productive, happy, and especially healthy 2023. In this newsletter we have some very exciting news points. First of all, our logo-contest was successful and I can say we have our **new logo**! We are inspired by it and hope you will be too. We also still want to bring your attention to our **picture contest**, offering you an opportunity to bring your research on the front page of the ESB website and on our social media channels. Quickly have a look at what u need to do! We want to bring your attention to the upcoming deadline of the **YSF call for projects of 31st of January**. If you want to apply for it, get in contact with your National Chapter who in turn should submit the proposal to our National Chapter Liaison officer Patrycja. To proof we are a living society, we welcome **two new National Chapters** of The Netherlands and Latvia. Welcome and looking forward to working together in our society! Before I finish, there is another very important deadline to keep in mind: 16th of March. This is the deadline for **abstract submission to ESB 2023** in Davos: <https://esb2023.org/>

The upcoming newsletters will go into more detail on all the activities we organize during this conference (workshops, night out, general assembly...).

Best regards,

Arn Mignon

(on behalf of the YSF board)



2. We have a new ESB YSF Logo!

In 2022 we launched a competition to select the new logo for the ESB YSF.

Congratulations to Dr Florian Weber, postdoctoral fellow at SINTEF (Oslo, Norway) who won the competition. We are excited to present our new logo:



Dr Florian shared with us the inspiration for creating the new logo:

“The logo idea was inspired by a recent trip to Rome and a visit of the Forum Romanum. As a place originally used for socialising, trade and politics, I thought this should reflect the purpose of YSF as base for exchange of knowledge between young scientists. To strengthen the association with science I have added two researchers and completed the logo with six stars representing the board members”.

Congratulations and thank you for supporting the ESB YSF!

3. YSF/ESB Picture contest

Can your research be captured in an appealing scientific photo? You can now participate in our Scientific Image Competition! Each month, one will be selected to be presented **on the front page of the ESB website and on YSF social media (Twitter/LinkedIn)**, making your research more visible to the whole community.

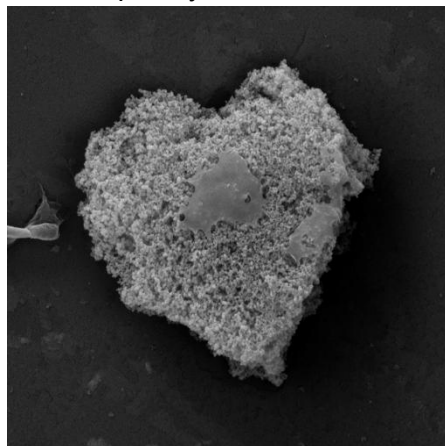
Rules:

- applicants should be students, PhD candidates, postdocs, or technicians
- only one image per participant is allowed
- the subject matter of the competition images is very flexible, but it should reflect research in Biomaterials and/or Tissue Engineering
- editing is allowed but the image should depict a real “object”
- the entry must be sent by email as high resolution .tiff, .jpeg or .png file (ideally minimum resolution of 2 megapixel/200 dpi, if the instrument allows it)
- the entry must be sent together with the filled application form ([Image Competition form.docx](#)) to ysf@esbiomaterials.eu with a subject: **Picture Contest** (if needed, you can use a file transfer service to upload the photo e.g., WETransfer / Surf Filesender)

**Each month the awarded image will be posted on the ESB website.*

See also our YSF website at the events page where the contest is also announced.

Our selected picture of this month is completely in the theme with the upcoming Valentine's day:



Lorenzo Degli Esposti, postdoc from the Institute of Science, Technology and Sustainability for Ceramics, Italian National Research Council (group leader: Dr. Michele Lafisco) gave us a Nanoheart with the following explanation:

"In the EU-funded project CUPIDO (<https://www.cupidoproject.eu>) we developed calcium phosphate nanoparticles as drug delivery agents for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases. We studied the morphology of the nanoparticles through Field Emission Gun Scanning Electron Microscope (FEG-SEM)... and we found out that they aggregated to form a nanoheart!"

4. YSF call for projects 2023 – deadline 31st of January

YSF-ESB Call for projects is an annual initiative of the YSF board, sponsoring the organization of events/workshops for a total amount up to 1,200 Euros. The final aim of the call is to promote the training of young scientists and to stimulate dissemination in the field of biomaterials in Europe.

The call for events/workshops to be organized in 2023 is almost over (submissions only up to Jan 31st, 2023). Please have a look at our website:

(<http://www.esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/ysf-call-for-projects>) – the rules and the application template are available there. That's all you need if you are thinking about gaining financial support for young scientist related and biomaterials promoting activities. All young YSF-ESB members (under 40 years old) are eligible, provided they have contacted their National Chapter (NC) representative or the NC Liaison Officer (Dr. Patrycja Domalik-Pyzik: pdomalik@agh.edu.pl) before sending the application.

We will be proud to support your national or European event! Do not hesitate and apply, only a few days are left!

If you need more information, please contact us at: ysf@esbiomaterials.eu.

5. New National Chapters

New National Chapters representatives for Latvia and The Netherlands

The time has come to replace the NC representatives for Latvia and The Netherlands. In both cases, the Presidents of the National Societies recommended the candidate and the whole YSF-ESB Board approved. So, we are happily announcing that the new representative for **Latvia** is **Dr. Arita Dubnika**:

I'm a scientific direction leader at Rudolf Cimdins Riga Biomaterials Innovation and Development Centre, Riga Technical University and my main research area is development of antibacterial biomaterials for drug delivery systems and autologous materials for tissue engineering.

As a National Chapter Representative for Latvia I plan to encourage young researchers to network more and start to build up their research friendships already when they start as PhD students.



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And the new NC representative for The Netherlands is **Dr. Mani Diba**:

Hello everyone,



My name is Mani Diba, and I am excited to serve as the new representative for the YSF-ESB national chapter of the Netherlands. As an Assistant Professor at Radboud University Medical Center, my research interests include bottom-up biomaterial design and biofabrication strategies. As a national chapter representative, I aim to contribute to the YSF objectives by employing my international and European education/training background in Materials Engineering and Biomaterials. I have witnessed the significance of international cooperation and diversity for achieving and maintaining excellence at a global level. Therefore, I am eager to focus my efforts within the YSF on promoting these two important aspects within our community.

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Using this opportunity, we would like to thank the previous representatives for Latvia and The Netherlands, i.e., Dr. Janis Locs and Dr. Tom Kampermann (our current Industrial Liaison Officer). To increase the visibility of our NCs, we decided to start 'The National Chapter Rep in the Spotlight' initiative – with each newsletter we will introduce two or three NCs. Stay tuned!

Finally, if you are from a country that does not have a representative yet (but does have a society affiliated to the ESB) or have an inactive one (list of all the reps can be found here: <http://www.esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/ysf-representatives>), please contact Dr. Patrycja Domalik-Pyzik, National Chapters Liaison Officer (pdomalik@agh.edu.pl).

Only together we can create a strong community!

6. Stay tuned on Social Media

Get updated and/or start a conversation with our members! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Connect with us on LinkedIn! - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8676375>

Twitter **@YSF_ESB** - Join the conversation!