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YSF Newsletter - January 2024

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1. Message from YSF's Spokesperson

Dear YSF and ESB members,

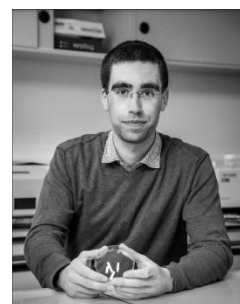
Our best wishes for the upcoming year, that it may be a year full of personal and professional achievements! We at YSF are certainly going for that in 2024!

In this newsletter, we have several important points that we want to announce. First of all, welcome to Dr. Gabriela Graziani, our new Industry Liaison Officer! She has several interesting ideas on how to bring industry closer to the YSF activities. Second, a reminder that the deadline for Call for Projects is approaching at the end of January, and we have for this year increased our budget to be able to support even more. Also welcome to Dr. Lorenzo Vannozzi, as new National Chapter of the Italian society. Congratulations to our winner of the picture of the month contest in 2023. In 2024, this contest will continue, so I would like to welcome everyone to send us your best pictures! Finally, congratulations to the winner of the Racquel LeGeros award.

Best regards,

Arn Mignon

(On behalf of the YSF board)



2. Our new YSF Industry Liaison Officer



We want to present our new YSF Industry Liaison Officer, **Dr. Gabriela Graziani**. She is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Chemistry, Materials and Chemical Engineering “Giulio Natta” at the Politecnico di Milano, Italy. Gabriela has strong connections with Industry and experience in start-up schools and competitions. She is among the winners of the start-up challenge Reactor, Bologna, IT and participated in the Mind the bridge Start-up School, San Francisco, USA, 2019. She also serves on the ORS Industry Alliance Committee and works in translational research.

Gabriela is very excited to work within the YSF-ESB board and bring the Industry closer to our young scientists! Welcome, Gabriela! We wish you all the best.

We would like to thank the non-elected candidates for their interest in YSF and welcome their application on a future occasion.

3. YSF Call for projects – budget increased to € 2,000 – the deadline is 31st of January!

YSF-ESB Call for projects is an annual initiative of the YSF board, sponsoring the organization of events/workshops that aim to promote the training of young scientists and to stimulate dissemination in the field of biomaterials in Europe. **This year we decided to support your ideas and activities even stronger and increased the available amount to 2,000 Euros.** We will be sponsoring one larger or a few smaller projects organized by and for young scientists.

Now it is all up to you. **The call for events/workshops to be organized in 2024 is almost over (submissions only till 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. 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.

4. New National Chapter representative for Italy

The time has come to replace the NC representative for Italy. The President of the National Society recommended the candidate and the whole YSF-ESB Board approved. So, we are happily announcing that the new representative for Italy is **Dr. Lorenzo Vannozzi**:

My name is Lorenzo Vannozzi, and I am excited to assume the role of the new representative for the YSF-ESB national chapter in Italy.

I am an Assistant Professor at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, and my research includes biomaterials design for tissue engineering, muscle cell-based actuators, and platforms for advanced medical therapies. As a national chapter representative, I would contribute to advancing the YSF objectives by encouraging young researchers to network and build research collaborations. I would also promote education in biomaterials oriented by my education/training in Biomedical Engineering and Biorobotics.

I am enthusiastic about dedicating my efforts to these objectives and look forward to making meaningful contributions to the YSF community.



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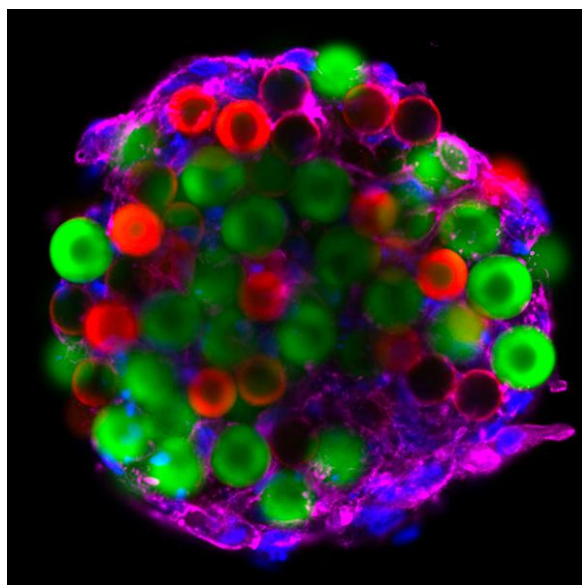
ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Lorenzo-Vannozzi>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/8vann8>

Remember, 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 can we create a strong community!

5. Photo Contest 2023 Awardee and Photo Contest 2024

During the ESB2023 conference, we voted for the best scientific picture we received in 2023. The competition was fierce! Congratulations to Niels Willemsen from the University of Twente (NL) who won the competition with their picture "A Colourful Cuddle":



The 2024 Photo Competition is now open for submission ([ESB European Society for Biomaterials \(esbiomaterials.eu\)](https://esbiomaterials.eu))!! Each month, we select the best scientific picture to be published on our website; at the end of the year, we will vote for the best picture(s) and the awardees will receive a prize!

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 (if needed, you can use a file transfer service e.g. WETransfer / Surf Filesender)

6. Racquel LeGeros Award

We are delighted to announce that the **Racquel LeGeros Award** for the 30th edition, held on November 30, 2023, has been presented to **Sara Bernardoni**. She will receive **€1500** to support a portion of her mobility expenses for a research internship. Currently pursuing her Ph.D. at the Italian National Research Council – Institute of Science, Technology, and Sustainability for Ceramics (ISSMC-CNR) under the guidance of Dr. Monica Sandri, Sara will undertake a research stay at the University Politehnica of Bucharest (Romania) for three months, supervised by Prof. Izabela-Cristina Stancu.