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## YSF Newsletter - January 2025

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### 1. Message from YSF's Spokesperson

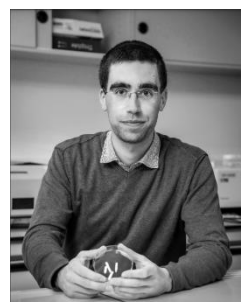
Dear YSF and ESB members,

First of all, our best wishes for the new year, a year full of interesting research and breakthroughs, filled with fruitful collaborations. A new year leads to a new list of announcements. Our main event is of course the ESB 2025 in Turin, whereby we have our Workshop, Night out, but there is more to come this year with a Meet an industry mentor session. We have two deadlines coming up: the Julia Polak European Doctorate Award and the YSF call for projects. We have a new Picture of the month and a new YSF representative for France. And on top of all of that do we now have a LinkedIn profile replacing our page, whereby announcement will be made and our visibility will be further increased.

Best regards,

Arn Mignon

(On behalf of the YSF board)



## 2. Save the date! YSF ESB events at ESB 2025 – Turin

The upcoming ESB meeting in Turin will feature several initiatives for the Young Investigators, which include:

### **YSF Workshop**

Join us on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon for Talks and a round table from outstanding speakers. The opening ceremony and Plenary Lecture will follow the symposium. The 2025 YSF symposium theme will be announced soon, so make sure to follow us on our social media (X, Twitter and now LinkedIn) to find out!

### **YSF Night out: Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Our signature event will be held at Hiroshima Mon amour (<https://hiroshimamonamour.org/>, walking distance from the congress venue) a lively venue that has been known for many years in the Turin social scene! We'll offer drink vouchers and a flying dinner. Most importantly, this will be a great way to interact with your peers and make new connections! The program of the night will be disclosed soon in our social media.

Tickets can be purchased during registration. Make sure you register as soon as possible as the tickets are limited and first come first served.

### **Meet an industry mentor**

For the first time, we're launching a new mentoring event for the Young Scientists. Are you interested in a career in industry or startup? Are you not 100% sure which roles you could fit in the best? Do you need a better understanding on how to get there?

Join us for dedicated round tables where you can freely discuss with industry and startup representatives in a friendly environment. Different roles in the companies and strategies for effective communication with industry leaders will be presented. The roundtables (with one mentor and 10/15 participants) will be during lunch break. Here, you will be the ones to guide the discussion by asking questions which are relevant to YOU! Registration is free upon subscription, stay tuned for updates on final schedule and registration!

### **Rudolf Cimdins Scholarships**

If you are willing to attend the ESB 2025 and have an accepted abstract but come from a poorly funded country/group (Human Development Index (HDI) < 0.850), make sure you check the Rudolph Cimdins Scholarship. Deadline for the application is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Scholarship allows candidates that meet the criteria to have free early registration to the conference, and the fee will be covered by ESB.

Recipients are announced at the closing ceremony of the ESB conference.

All information, including the application form, can be found at the link: <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/rudolf-cimdins-scholarships>.

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## 3. Educational awards

The submission deadline for the Julia Polak European Doctorate Award is approaching: January 31st, 2025!

We invite outstanding candidates to apply and gain recognition for their exceptional work in the field of biomaterials during their PhD. This prestigious award, offered by the ESB, provides

young researchers with an opportunity to enhance their visibility within the international scientific community.

Find the guidelines and required documents here: [Julia Polak European Doctorate Award](#).

#### 4. YSF call for projects 2025 – deadline 31st of January

The YSF-ESB Call for Projects is a yearly program run by the YSF board. It supports events and workshops that help train young scientists and share knowledge about biomaterials in Europe. This year, we have a total of 1,200 Euros to give away. We will fund one larger project or several smaller projects that are planned by and for young scientists.

**The call for events/workshops to be organized in 2025 is almost over (submissions only up to Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025).** 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](mailto: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](mailto:ysf@esbiomaterials.eu).

While you are polishing your application, please have a look at the successful event organized by one of the 2024 awardees, **Esther Sánchez Ribes and the team**: “Young Researchers' Night at the XLVI International Congress of the Iberian Society of Biomechanics and Biomaterials, SIBB, 2024”



The Young Researchers' Night activity aimed to foster synergies among young researchers from various research groups, with the goal of developing future collaborative research lines. Targeted especially at PhD and master's students interested in pursuing a research career, the activity also welcomed congress attendees interested in the topic.

During the session, participants engaged in a networking activity organized by the GIBD, designed to promote interaction and collaboration among attendees. Additionally, a snack was provided in a relaxed atmosphere, creating an ideal space for exchanging experiences among researchers. To conclude the event, a gift sponsored by Lurbel was raffled and presented by Nieves Cubo, the YSF representative in Spain.

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## 5. 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.

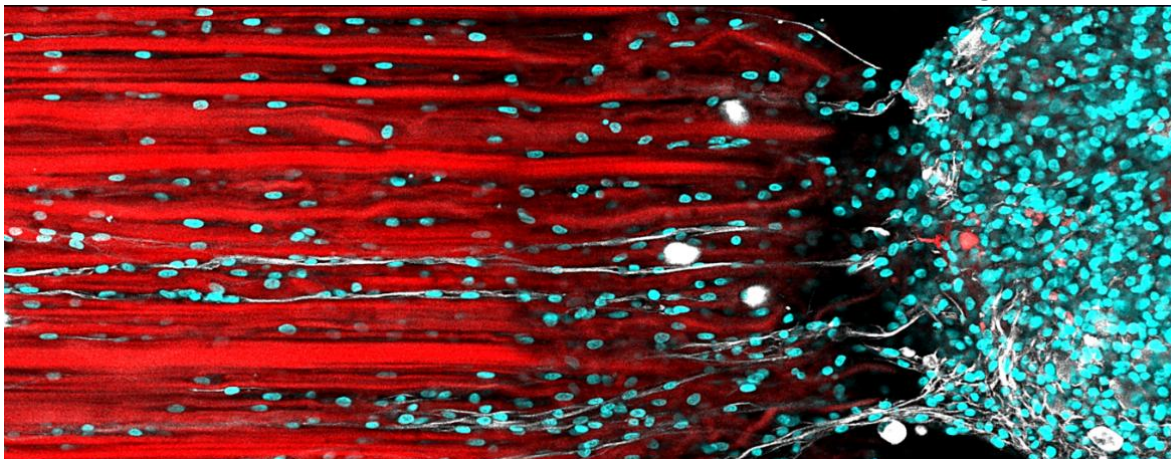
### Rules:

- 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](mailto: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)
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\*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 December 2024 is the **Comet: new nerve is coming!**



Hao Liu, postdoc from ETHZ (group leader: Prof. Marcy Zenobi-Wong) gave us the following explanation:

*“Neurite outgrowth from a dorsal root ganglion (chicken embryo) extending into a filamented gelatin-based hydrogel matrix after 4 days of culture. Cyan: nuclei, Red: hydrogel microfilaments, gray: neurites (Tuj1).”*

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## 6. New National Chapter Representative

### New National Chapters Representative for France

French chapter of the YSF has now a new representative, Dr. Bruno Paiva dos Santos. He is a biologist and associate professor at the Laboratory U1333-Oral Health/URP2496-BRIO in the Faculty of Dentistry of the University Paris Cité. He has experience in biomaterials design, physicochemical characterisation and *in vitro* and *in vivo* biological evaluation. He was a member of the young researchers committee of the French Society of Biomaterials (JC-BIOMAT) from 2019 to 2024, having already interacted with the YSF representatives during the organization of the Young Scientists Forum at the ESB2022 in Bordeaux.

*As the French National Chapter representative of young scientists in biomaterials, I propose to foster a stronger connection between the French JC-BIOMAT, the YSF, and the broader European biomaterials community. I plan to enhance the visibility of the European biomaterials network within France while simultaneously promoting the contributions of French young researchers within the European community. This mutual exchange will foster interactions and create opportunities for young scientists on both national and international levels.*



Using this opportunity, we would like to thank the previous representative for France, Dr. Violeta Rodriguez-Ruiz, for her contributions.

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](mailto:pdomalik@agh.edu.pl)). Only together we can create strong community!

## 7. New LinkedIn profile for YSF-ESB

We now have a brand-new LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/ysf-esb>). We upgraded from our previous LinkedIn group to enhance our visibility and reach a wider audience. In the upcoming weeks, we will share important information regarding our activities (call for projects, awards, ESB 2025 activities, etc.). In addition, we will share job/grant opportunities within the ESB community. If you have things you believe the society should be aware of, let us know over there.

So stay tuned, follow us, and be an active part of the YSF community!!

