

European Society for Biomaterials-YSF (ESB-YSF) Board Elections Application Form

It should not exceed two A4 pages and should include a photo of the candidate.



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Current position (position, affiliation): PostDoc at the University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany

Research interests (5 keywords): cell-derived extracellular matrix, soft tissue engineering, vascularization, cultured meat, sustainable and defined culture media

Position applied for (please rank your preferences from 1 (most preferred position) to 6 (less preferred position):

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| 5 | YSF Spokesperson |
| 3 | YSF communication and dissemination officer |
| 4 | YSF educational officer |
| 2 | YSF secretary |
| 1 | YSF national chapters liaison officer |

Past ESB conferences attended:

- 2018 in Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2023 in Davos, Switzerland
- 2024 in Daegu, South Korea (WBC)
- 2025 in Turin, Italy

Candidate summary (max 1 page)**Motivation:**

As a postdoc and an active member of the YSF of the German Society for Biomaterials (DGBM) for the past three years, I have gained substantial experience in representing early-career researchers and contributing to a vibrant scientific community. In this role, I have also had the privilege of serving as the liaison between the German YSF and its European counterpart, which has strengthened my commitment to fostering collaboration and visibility for young scientists at the international level. My motivation for applying stems from a deep belief in the importance of supporting early-career researchers and promoting scientific exchange across borders. I am eager to bring my experience, enthusiasm, and organizational skills to the European YSF, contributing to initiatives that empower young scientists and enhance their engagement within the broader community. I am highly motivated to contribute my energy and expertise to the team and to help advance the mission of the YSF at the European level.

Possible Achievements:

In the European YSF, I aim to contribute to impactful initiatives that strengthen the visibility, connectivity, and professional development of early-career researchers across Europe. One key objective would be to enhance collaboration between national YSF groups by further developing structured communication channels and shared activities, such as, thematic workshops or cross-country networking formats. I am also motivated to contribute to the organization of scientific events—such as the YSF activities during the conferences, or early-career symposia—ensuring that young scientists have platforms to present their work, exchange ideas. Finally, I would strive to increase the outreach and visibility of the YSF, for instance through coordinated communication strategies or stronger engagement with social-media channels. Through these efforts, I hope to support the growth of a dynamic, inclusive, and highly connected community of young researchers within the European Society.

Communication skills:

Through my academic training, teaching, mentoring of young students and my active role in the YSF of the German Society, I have developed strong communication skills across various formats and audiences. I regularly present my research at national and international conferences, where I strive to convey complex scientific concepts clearly, engagingly, and with an awareness of diverse disciplinary backgrounds. In my YSF activities, I have gained extensive experience in coordinating between different groups, facilitating discussions, and representing the perspectives of early-career researchers.

Beyond formal settings, I value approachable, respectful, and collaborative communication. I enjoy bringing people together, identifying shared goals, and creating an environment in which all voices are heard. These skills help me build connections, support productive teamwork, and contribute positively to the mission and activities of the European YSF.

Any other ideas/remarks:

I am strongly motivated to contribute to the continued growth and visibility of the European YSF. I am committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive environment where diverse backgrounds and viewpoints are valued. I believe that openness, transparency, and a willingness to innovate are key to advancing the mission of the YSF, and I would be enthusiastic to contribute these principles as part of the team.