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## Dear ESB members, dear Young Scientists,

During this year, four people will be elected for four open positions available within the Young Scientists Forum Executive board.

Eligible as candidates are all Young Scientists, not older than 40 years of age (according to the guidelines for the Jean Leray Award). In addition, **you have to be a member in good standing of the European Society for Biomaterials.**

Each of the YSF positions has its main focus on one of the topics described below<sup>1</sup>:

1. YSF Spokesperson - vacant<sup>2</sup>

YSF spokesperson coordinates YSF activities.

2. YSF website - vacant

Candidates applying for this position will be responsible for updating the website. The duty of the candidate will lie in the improvement of the website appearance and potential implementation of novel tools through regular communication with the ESB webmaster. Timeliness and good communication skills are prerequisite for this position. In addition, experience in the use and initiation of communication tools and social media will be valuable throughout the fulfilment of this task. The YSF webmaster should make sure updated files are provided in a timely manner to become posted on the YSF website. He/she should coordinate the website development and should show dedicated IT skills.

3. YSF national chapters

The board member responsible for national chapters provides assistance in establishing national chapters of the YSF all over Europe and collecting information from existing initiatives. Good communication skills and cultural interests are prerequisites.

4. YSF industry contacts - vacant

Candidates applying for this position will be responsible for establishing and maintaining industry contacts in relation to the YSF. Industrial sponsoring, job opportunities and career planning in industry are the main topics to be focussed on as YSF industrial liaison officer. Good communication skills are a prerequisite and experience with industrial projects and needs from industry is highly recommended.

5. The YSF educational officer - vacant

The educational officer is responsible for the biomaterials education-related aspects including education and training in Europe, emphasising the EDA, existing and emerging career opportunities, as well as research opportunities in the field.

6. The YSF secretary ensures communication (with ESB and YSF members), dissemination and helps with organizational aspects (i.e. elections, workshops, promotional materials, certificates).

**General requirements** for candidates:

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<sup>1</sup> To avoid confusion, we emphasise that only 4 positions are vacant. Nevertheless, all positions are described here as positions could be reassigned when new member enter the board.

<sup>2</sup> For a smooth continuation of the YSF projects, the spokesperson should be one of the existing board members.

All candidates should be aware that they are applying for a time-consuming and responsible position. Besides the specific position in the board, the general intention of the YSF is to improve communication, career development and networking between young scientists. Therefore, all of the board members are highly interactive, they are expected to promote YSF and its activities, therefore their tasks are not restricted to their designated position in the board. YSF board members are expected to be present at all ESB conferences and at as many additional meetings organized by YSF as possible. Communication with the ESB board through the ESB-YSF liaison officer (Pamela Habibovic) is also an integral part of your responsibilities.

Candidates should describe their present position as well as future plans according to the attached CV template. Besides their specific interests, the application should be accompanied by a description of the following:

- Motivation: Describe here your personal intent, explaining why you are keen to work in the Young Scientist Forum and elaborate on your interest in one or multiple specific positions in the board. Indicate any qualification or past achievements that recommend you for the preferential position.
- Possible achievements: This paragraph is intended for your view on the future of YSF.
- Communication skills: Please list your languages knowledge (written and oral communication level).
- Any other ideas/remarks: This is totally up to you

We invite the candidates for these positions to attend the next ESB conference in Kraków, Poland, 30 August - 3 September 2015.

To apply for a position in the YSF board, please fill out the attached CV and send it by email to Izabela Stancu (izabela.cristina.stancu@gmail.com) no later than **10<sup>th</sup> July 2015**. Upon receiving applications, candidates will be announced on the ESB website and members will be invited to vote using the e-voting system. New board members will be announced at the ESB conference in Krakow.

The official structure and the functions of the board can be found on:

<http://esbiomaterials.eu/Cms/Content/24>

Looking forward to working together with you for the YSF!

Lab leaders: Please forward this email to **all Young Researchers in your group**.

Best regards,

Sandra Van Vlierberghe (YSF spokesperson)

Izabela Stancu (YSF secretary)

Anna Finne Wistrand (National YSF initiatives)

Giuseppe Cama (Educational officer)

Lorenzo Moroni (YSF Industry Contacts)