



## ESB Newsletter Spring 2016

Dear Friends of the ESB,

The highlight of this year is the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society. The ESB is the oldest of all the societies belonging to the IUSBSE and we all have to be proud of being the custodians of a legacy and a vision that still show to be strong and forward-looking.

This celebratory year coincides with the 10<sup>th</sup> World Biomaterial Congress that will be held in Montreal from 17 to 22 May. We look forward to seeing many of you there helping us to represent our community through the dissemination of your excellent research and to improve our society by visiting our booth and by giving us your precious feedback and advice.

Hereinafter, please find the most important news of the first three months of 2016 that we would like to share with you.

### **Communication**

As we will not have our ESB annual conference this year, we have taken a series of actions that, we hope, will make our presence felt to all our members particularly in relation to the celebration of the ESB 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**The ESB 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Torch.** This is an initiative that will see the ESB supporting the costs of the plenary lectures at the conferences of some of our Affiliated Societies. So far, the Society from Germany, Italy and The Netherlands took this opportunity. We invite the Presidents of the other societies to consider this offer for their annual event.

**The ESB 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture.** We secured a slot at the WBC 2016 for the delivery of our anniversary lecture that will be delivered by the winner of the ESB International Award who this year is Prof Michael Sefton, Canada.

**The Acta Materialia Gold Medal.** The history of our Society will also be celebrated through the lecture delivered by Prof Klaas de Groot as he receives the prestigious Acta Materialia Gold Medal. With his lecture Prof de Groot will give us more time to treasure our history and the excellence of the research in Europe.

**Exhibition Space and Celebratory Gadget.** At the WBC2016 our Society will ensure a constant presence to all our members through an exhibition space. Thanks to the leadership of our Communication Officer, Prof Carlos Rodriguez-Cabello we have commissioned the production of a celebratory gadget (**to wet your appetite we will not reveal it until the start of the congress!**). Indeed, the whole booth will be dedicated to our history. If you are in Montreal do not miss it!

In any case, we will do our best to make sure that this special celebratory gadget will reach as many ESB friends as possible.

**Awards.** We are delighted to announce the names of our Awardees for this year.  
George Winter Award, Prof Didier Letourneur, France  
Jean Leray Award, Dr Andres Palmquist, Sweden  
International Award, Michael Sefton, Canada  
We congratulate our colleagues for their achievements. They will join the list of scientists who have made our Society so renowned in the last 40 years. With the exception of the winner of the International Award, Prof Sefton who will deliver his lecture in Montreal, Prof Letourneur and Dr Palmquist will receive their award at the next ESB conference in Athens in September 2017.

**Celebratory Logo.** Last but not least, the celebratory logo that you can see here as heading of this newsletter. Help us to disseminate it. If you need a high definition electronic version please contact our secretary.

Last but not least, do not forget to support our Society by renewing your membership and by encouraging your colleagues to join us. It is easy and cheap! You can easily process your registration by visiting our website [www.esbiomaterials.eu](http://www.esbiomaterials.eu)

The team membership costs only €230 and includes the Principal Investigator and 5 team members

The Individual membership costs €130, while students can become members at only €25.00. Companies also have the opportunity to become our members through the Corporate membership, €300.

## **Innovation**

**Technopreneurship Scheme.** As previously announced, together the INGENIO research team (Valencia, Spain) and through the leadership of our Industry Liaison Officer, Prof Peter Dubruel, we have now finalized the questionnaire that will be circulated to you all in the next few weeks through national societies for biomaterials and other national contact points. The success of this initiative depends on you and your kind response to the questions. The data collected will be included in a final report not only assessing the state-of-the-art in research translation in our field but also aiming at offering a mapping of relevant, highly-specialised facilities and expertise across Europe. For the first time, we will give a critical assessment of the state of translation in our continent in the field of biomaterials and a glance of the strength of our scientific and industrial communities. We hope this document will be a very valuable tool for

stakeholders seeking specific support. This, we believe, will promote your technopreneurship by enhancing the opportunities for research and service. The success of this initiative depends on you and your kind response to the questions. Please watch this space!

### **Education**

Since the deadline our independent Education committee has received a number of applications for our Julia Polak European Doctorate Award and for Rachel LeGeros Award. The names of the awardees will be announced later in the year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matteo Santin', written in a cursive style.

Prof Matteo Santin

(on behalf of the ESB Council)

Brighton, UK 29 March 2016