



## **ESB Newsletter September 21, 2021**

### **ESB 2021 / Elections**

Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,  
Dear colleagues and friends,

With this newsletter, which is the last one I write in my role of the ESB President, I would like to thank all of you for the trust you have placed in my ability to represent you and our society. It was an honor and pleasure to interact with the presidents of the affiliated national societies, representatives of the international biomaterials societies and sister societies, International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering, our Young Scientists Forum, representatives of the ESB journal RSC Biomaterials Science, and many individual members at our conferences and in many other ways. A special word of thanks goes to all fantastic ESB council members with whom I had the privilege to work since 2013.

I would also like to reflect on the 31<sup>st</sup> Conference of the ESB, which took place 5-9 September, 2021. Although the meeting had to take place fully online due to restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was an outstanding event that brought the biomaterials community together to discuss latest scientific findings, celebrate awards and even exercise yoga. Thank you Ana Paula Pêgo, Cristina Martins and Pedro Granja and the entire Porto team: we felt your endless enthusiasm and hospitality through our computer screens!

During the conference, we also announced the results of the 2021 ESB council elections. We welcomed the new council members, Cristina Barrias, Maria Grazia Raucci, Matteo D'Este and Sandra van Vlierberghe, as well as welcomed back Silvia Faré, who was re-elected for another 4-year term. During the first meeting of the new council, the different roles were redistributed, and it is my pleasure to share these with you:

- Ana Paula Pêgo, President
- Aldo R. Boccaccini, Vice President and YSF Liaison Officer
- Nicholas Dunne, Secretary
- Silvia Faré, Treasurer
- Sandra van Vlierberghe, Communication Officer and Liaison Officer with Conference Organizers
- Matteo D'Este, Industry Liaison Officer
- Karine Anselme, Education Officer
- Cristina Barrias, Journal Liaison Officer
- Maria Grazia Raucci, Liaison Officer National Affiliated Societies

Congratulations to this great new team, who, I am sure, will make our Society even stronger in the years to come. I will continue to serve the council and the society whenever needed, in an ex-officio capacity.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the next ESB Annual Meeting, in Bordeaux in September 2022.

Kind regards,



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(on behalf of the ESB Council)*