



YSF Newsletter - August 2021

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1. Message from YSF's Spokesperson

Dear ESB members,

The ESB-YSF is delighted to provide you important updates on the activities for young scientists.

In June, we had the online networking event on “**Green Sustainability in Labs**”. We were very happy to see the active participation and the great interest of the young audience, which confirms the high interest of young scientists to a topic that is still not enough discussed in research. We are sure this initiative is the beginning of a path of awareness and improvements, which will lead to lowering the impact of research activities on the environment and to an excellent optimization of resources.

As most of you already know, the **ESB2021 Conference** will be completely **online**. ESB-YSF will be virtually there with initiatives specifically designed for young scientists. The topics will cover green sustainability in research, effective scientific communication and writing. The programs of the events are now available at the Conference Website. We will start with the **YSF**

opening virtual workshop on Sunday, then, on Tuesday, we will have the **online educational session on scientific writing with focus on illustrations**. The **ESB-YSF general assembly** is going to be on Monday and will be a stimulating moment for young ESB members to interact and share opinions, comments and ideas for YSF activities. It will also include the important announcement of the **winners of the Educational Awards** (2020 and 2021). Finally, the **YSF virtual night out** (on Monday, too) promises to be full of fun, with exciting opportunities for interaction between old and new friends.

We also want to anticipate here an important news: the **YSF Call for YSF Board positions**, which will open after the ESB2021 congress and will aim to collect, until the end of the year, the applications for the positions of the new board members. The voting window will take place in the first half of 2022. We are looking forward to your participation! More details will follow in due time.

Thank you once again for your support in our activities and do not forget to **follow us on Twitter and through the website** to make sure you do not miss the latest event news about YSF.

Best regards,
Elena Varoni
(on behalf of the YSF board)



2. YSF ESB events at ESB2021 in Porto

We are pleased to announce here the program of our events at ESB2021:



YSF Workshops at ESB2021 Porto

**Part I: Professional workshop – Green Lab sustainability &
Communication skills**

Sunday, 5 September - 15:00 - 18:00 (CET)

15:00 YSF Workshop opening

YSF ESB Board officers Elena Varoni, Liliana Liverani

15:05 YSF “Green Lab sustainability” Initiative

15:15 Greenlab experience

Pedro Alves - Instituto de Investigação e Inovação em Saúde - U. Porto (i3s), Portugal

15:35 Open discussion

Q&A to Speaker

15:40 Coffee Break

16:00 “Communication skills” session opening

YSF ESB Board officers Arn Mignon, David Barata, Liliana Teixeira

16:05 Boost your Communication skills & How to do a good pitch

Jane Bennett-Powell, freelance journalist and science communication trainer

16:55 Pitching to Investors

Sonia Hallen, LSP connecting investors to inventors, The Netherlands

**17.15 From Academic research to spin-off company: the story of XPECT
INX**

Jasper Van Hoorick, Ghent University & Xpect-INX, Belgium

17:35 Interactive round table with the audience

YSF ESB Board Officers Elena Varoni, Liliana Liverani, Arn Mignon, David Barata, Liliana Teixeira, Jane Bennett-Powell, Sonia Hallen, Jasper Van Hoorick

**Part II: Educational workshop – “Writing and Publishing”, YSF &
“AERoGELS” COST action**

Tuesday, 7 September 2021 - 13:30 - 14:30 (CET)

13:30 Welcome

YSF ESB Board Officer Nicola Contessi & Carlos A. García-González (AERoGELS COST Action Chair, Universidad De Santiago De Compostela)

13:35 Effective graphical abstract and cover

Maria Southall, Executive Editor Biomaterials Science, Royal Society of Chemistry

13:50 From data selection to the best graphical representation

Uta Goebel, Editor-in-Chief Advanced Healthcare Materials, Wiley

14:05 Assembling figure panels

Christine Horejs, Chief Editor Nature Reviews Materials, Nature

14:20 Open discussion

Q&A to Speakers

The **ESB-YSF General Assembly** will be on Monday 6th September, at 13.00 (CET), while the **virtual Night Out** is scheduled on the same day at 19.30 (CET): keep an eye on our social media and website for updates (<https://bit.ly/esb-ysf-2021>).

3. ESB education awards

During the 31st Conference of the ESB, **awardees of the 2020 and 2021 Educational Awards** will be announced during the **YSF general assembly** on Monday 6th September (at 13.00-14.00).

Call for the 2022 Educational Awards will close January 31st, 2022. Please, find more details at: <https://esbiomaterials.eu/Cms/Content/11>

ESB Educational awards

4. YSF “Green Lab sustainability” networking event

After the positive experience performed during the last WBC 2020, on the 25th June 2021, the ESB-YSF organized another networking event for the young scientists working on biomaterials together with the Young Scientist Groups of the American and Australasian Societies for Biomaterials. The selected topic for this networking event was the “**Green Sustainability in Biomaterials Labs**”.

The event took place online and there were **89 registered participants**. Most of them did not attend any other event on this topic before. The event started with the talk of the **invited speaker Mr. Martin Farley (Sustainable Labs Advisor)** and after an interactive discussion with the speaker, the event continued with the breakout rooms to interact in small groups in an informal atmosphere.

We received very **positive feedback from the participants**, and we are looking forward to the organization of other networking events in collaboration with the Young Scientist Groups of the other Societies.

5. YSF Call for YSF Board positions

In 2022, **five positions in the ESB-YSF board** will open for elections of new representatives. Further information on the application guidelines will be sent to the ESB-YSF members later this year (via Newsletter, website and social media).

If you have questions related to the procedure to join the board, please contact us via the email ysf@esbiomaterials.eu.

6. Stay tuned on Social Media

Get updated and/or start a conversation with our members! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Connect with on LinkedIn! - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8676375>

Twitter [@YSF_ESB](https://twitter.com/YSF_ESB) - Join the conversation!