

NEWS FROM THE ESB COUNCIL
(Peter Thomsen, Secretary)

For your information a summary of information based on recent discussions and decisions in the ESB Council is followed:

Affiliations to the ESB:

During a Council Meeting in Ghent it was decided to affiliate the United Kingdom Society for Biomaterials (UKSB) and the Swiss Society of Biomaterials (SSB) (<http://ssb.biomaterials.ch>) to the ESB.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Other news:

The Council is currently discussing future strategies to improve the professional activities of the ESB.

Journal of Materials Science:Materials in Medicine

William Bonfield has informed that the ESB journal has grown considerably this year and that the journal hopefully will be included in the MEDLINE shortly.

The Journal Prize for 1999-2000 will be awarded during the 16th European Conference on Biomaterials in London.

Luigi Ambrosio has successfully communicated with Kluwer Publishers on the the matter of individual members not receiving the MIM.

Partnerships:

The European Society is now partner in the European Materials Societies Network. Contact person: Heinrich Planck, Germany

History of the ESB:

The Historical Archives of the ESB is prepared by Ulrich Gross, Peter Revell and Peter Thomsen. Please contact them if you have valuable information and PHOTOS which could illustrate various aspects of the ESB (conferences etc). The material will be printed in a suitable form and/or available on CD.

The International Arena:

The IUSBSE (International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Sciences and Engineering: Australia, Canada, China, Europe, Japan, Korea and USA). Peter Revell and James Kirkpatrick are ESB representatives. A meeting was held in May 2000, Hawaii, and included discussions on education, exchange, International College, etc. Jan Feijen was elected Chairman and Teruo Okano Secretary of the International College of Fellows.

The next IUS-BSE meeting will be held in association with the next (American) Society for Biomaterials conference (Tampa, Florida 24-28/4 2002. Joost de Bruijn will present the plans of the WBC 2008 in Europe.

The Australian Society for Biomaterials is the organizer of the 7th World Congress (WBC) 2004 in Sydney. Interested members of the ESB may enter the web-site of the Australian Society (www.biomaterials.org.au) for more information about the 2004 WBC. On this site it is possible to register on-line in order to receive more information about the congress as well as info related to pre-congress tours etc.

The Australian website also has links (www.biomaterials.org.au/Biolinks.html) to other organisations, including the ESB.

Other matters:

The decade 2000 - 2010 has been named the Decade of Bone and Joints/Musculoskeletal diseases. It was decided that ESB should support this (series of) event(s).

ESB Web site: Please contribute with written material. Contact Heinrich Planck/Carsten Linti.

Future ESB conferences:

ESB conference in London 11-14 September 2001. Chairman: Professor Liz Tanner. (www.irc-biomed-materials.qmw.ac.uk/ESB2001.html)

17th ESB conference in Barcelona 11-15 September 2002 (<http://www.esb2002.com>). A local committee has been established. Professor Josep Planell is the Chairman of the 2002 conference. The closing date for abstracts will be at the end of January 2002.

It has also been decided to enquire potential host cities for the forthcoming ESB conferences:

2003:
Nantes/Bonn/Mainz/Stuttgart

2005:
Naples

Endorsement:

It has been decided to endorse the following scientific events:

the XXVIII Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs (ESAO) (<http://www.semico.org.esao.2001>) in Ghent 22-25 September 2001. Organizers are Professors P. Verdonck, R. Vanholder and E. Schacht. Further info about the conference can also be found at esao@semico.be. A session on biomaterials will be co-organised by the ESB.

the 10th CIMTEC (organized by Dr P. Vincenzini, Faenza, Italy) in July 2002.

the EUROMAT 2001 in Rimini, Italy, 10-14 June 2001, organized by Associazione Italiana di Metallurgia (AIM) (Dr Piero Bufalini)

the International Symposium on Polyurethanes, 21-22 June 2001, Islingen, Germany

the Exhibition and Convention to Innovations in Medicine and Healthcare (innomed), Bari (Professor Riccardo d'Agostino), 21-24 November, 2001

The Atlantic Seminar: "Why Biphasic calcium phosphate ceramics", Nantes, France 30 June 2001 (Professor Guy Daculsi) (www.sante.univ-nantes.fr/odonto/congres/)

The Summer School and Workshop in Biomaterials "Materials-cell interactions for the development of biocompatible medical devices", Ellös, Sweden 11-16 August 2001 (Professor Peter Thomsen) (www.biomaterials.gu.se)

The Anniversary Symposium on Acrylic Bone Cement, 17-18 September 2001, Manchester, UK (Professor William Bonfield)

Other Conferences:

Biomechanica IV, organized in Davos by the AO Research Institute, Davos and the Technical University, Hamburg-Harburg, will be held 23-25 September 2001 (http://www.ao_asif.ch).