



Dear colleagues, dear friends!

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society of Biomaterials which will take place from September 9 to 13, 2019 in Dresden, Germany and which will be held together with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the German Society for Biomaterials.

## Website [www.esb2019.org](http://www.esb2019.org) online

The website is now online, you find information concerning main conference topics, Call for Special Symposia, venue and exhibition at [www.esb2019.org](http://www.esb2019.org). The website is updated continuously, information concerning registration will follow soon.

## Call for Special Symposia

The Organizing Committee encourages the submission of proposals for special symposia. The goal of these special symposia is to provide a forum for focused discussions on new and emerging topics or innovative applications of established approaches.

A special symposium may be centred around a specific theme, or it may expose the work done by societies or international consortia.

### Fixed number of special symposia

Please note that we will accept a maximum of 8 special symposia to be held during the ESB2019 congress. This is to allow the participants to attend the symposia beside the regular congress program.

The proposals that are of interest to a large audience and that are not selected for a special symposium, may be included in the scientific program as a theme of a regular session.

### Proposals for special symposia

The deadline for submission of the proposals for special symposia is **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

**Proposals should be submitted using a template. You can download the template here: [www.esb2019.org/call-for-special-symposia](http://www.esb2019.org/call-for-special-symposia)**

Please complete all details and send the proposal by e-mail to [info@esb2019.org](mailto:info@esb2019.org). The proposers will be informed about the **acceptance** or rejection **by the beginning of January 2019**.

### Special symposia speakers and chairs

The duration of each special symposium is 90 minutes to accommodate the scientific program schedule. The symposia are led by a chair and a co-chair, both registered participants to avoid no-show onsite.

Each symposium consists of 2 keynote presentations and 2 presentations selected from the submitted abstracts. The allocated presentation time, including Q&A, is 30 minutes for invited/keynote speakers and 15 minutes for contributed papers.

Upon acceptance of the special symposia, **all keynote speakers must submit an abstract of their presentation before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The keynote speakers of the proposals that have not been selected for a special symposium will get the opportunity to submit an abstract for regular scientific program before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Please note that all financial arrangements with keynote speakers for special symposia are at the account of special symposia organizers. ESB or Organizer do NOT pay for any costs of your keynote speakers. Congress registration of the key note speaker is mandatory and prerequisite for participating.

### **Room rental and AV equipment**

The ESB congress organizers will allocate standard congress rooms for the special symposia and will offer the standard AV equipment that is required in these rooms. The use of any other extra materials is at the account of the symposia organizers.

### **In case of any further questions**

Please contact the congress secretary for more information or any further questions:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you at the 30th ESB conference!

Best regards

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