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European Society for Biomaterials (ESB)  
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Dear Colleagues and ESB Members,

It is a great honour to be nominated as a candidate for the European Society for Biomaterials Council Committee elections in 2023. This application is supported by the French National Society for Biomaterials (BIOMAT).

Since my PhD in The Netherlands, my research interests have been focused on the development of synthetic biomaterials for tissue regeneration and to better understand cells/materials interactions. Logically, the European Society for Biomaterials (ESB) has been, and still is, my main scientific society.

I have been a regular participant at ESB conferences since 2001, where I had, with my students, the opportunity to present our work, and chair scientific sessions. These events always gave me the chance to witness the evolutions of the field, while gaining new insights and exchange inspirational ideas with the members of the community.

Having performed research in various European countries over my career (The Netherlands, UK, France), I have been able to interact with numerous biomaterial colleagues across Europe. This has given me a broad vision of the biomaterial research in Europe, its specificities as well as its strength when working together. To me this is one of the most important assets provided by the ESB: structuration and opportunities to build up the biomaterial field both at country and continent level.

Over the past 5 years, I had the opportunity to be actively involved in the French biomaterial community, as an elected member administrative board of the French Society for Biomaterials (BIOMAT), and as WP coordinator, and now vice director, of the French-wide research group (GDR) 'Repair the human'. This allowed me to organize and co-chair multiple scientific events and national conferences where I could appreciate the importance of these meetings and exchanges opportunities to federate our community. I wish now to apply this experience at European level to ESB society, together with my enthusiasm and energy and then to contribute to its advancement and strengthening.

I am convinced that my scientific experience at local and national levels will allow me to fulfill my duties as a member of the ESB Council Committee, in synergy with the French Biomaterials community, and I hope that you will give me this opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your trust and support.

Yours sincerely,



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