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Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,

I am pleased to announce the Independent Awards Committee of the ESB has selected the winners of the **ESB Scientific Awards 2024**. I would like to thank Professor Elizabeth Tanner, Professor Mirosława El Fray, Professor Marc Bohner, and Professor Peter Dubrue, the members of the Awards Committee, for taking upon them this difficult task. I would like to thank our members, for their nominations, which is a testimony of your involvement with our society and your appreciation of the work of our colleagues.

The winner of the **2024 George Winter Award** is [Professor Aldo R. Boccaccini](#). The George Winter Award was established to recognise, encourage and stimulate outstanding research contributions to the field of biomaterials.

The winner of the **2024 International Award** is [Professor Jason Burdick](#). The International award was established as a recognition of scientists who have generally spent their career outside Europe, who have been internationally respected, have a high scientific profile, and have made major contributions to the field of biomaterials.

The winner of the **2024 Klaas de Groot Award** is [Professor Geoff Richards](#). The Klaas de Groot Award was established as a prestigious recognition of scientists who have shown a distinct ability to provide excellent mentorship and guidance to young researchers, helping them to establish their own independent careers.

Congratulations to all awardees on this great achievement! The 2024 awardees for the George Winter and Klaas de Groot Awards have been invited to deliver a lecture at the next annual meeting of our society that will take place September 7-11, 2025, in Torino, Italy. While the International awardee delivered their lecture during the 12th World Biomaterials Congress that was held in Daegu, South Korea, May 26-31, 2024.

Call for Nominations: ESB Scientific and Education Awards 2025

Please do not miss the opportunity to nominate a colleague for one of our four prestigious awards: the [George Winter Award](#), the [Jean Leray Award](#), the [Klaas de Groot Award](#) and the [International Award](#). The deadline for nominations by ESB members in good standing is **January 10, 2025**. For further information regarding the awards, eligibility criteria and nomination process, please visit the Awards | Scientific Achievement page on our website by clicking [here](#).

We would also like to remind you the deadline for applications for ESB's [Julia Polak European Doctoral Awards](#) continues to be on **January 31, 2025**. For further details and information relating to this award scheme and other ESB Education awards (**Raquel le Geros Award** with a submission deadline of May 31, 2025, and the **Rudolf Cimdins Award** with a new submission deadline of June 15, 2025, please visit our Education page on the website.

34th Annual Conference of the ESB 2025

The organisation of the **34th Annual Conference of the ESB** that will take place in Torino (Italy) from **September 7-11, 2025** is gathering pace. We are delighted to say the scientific contribution has been amazing to date with over **65 symposium proposals** submitted for review. The call for abstracts will open on January 15. For more information, please visit the ESB conference website: <https://esb2025.org>.

ESB Event Endorsements

The ESB Council is pleased to endorse some of the upcoming events related to the Biomaterials field including the '[AO Orthopaedic Research Summit 2025](#)' on June 16-19, 2025 and the '[BIOMAT International Summer School 2025](#)' on July 7-11, 2025. The AO Orthopaedic Research Summit 2025 is a particularly special event as three societies combine minds to advance science and clinical impact: [ARI Orthopaedics](#), the [European Orthopaedic Research Society \(EORS\)](#), and the [International Society for Computer-Assisted Orthopaedic Surgery \(CAOS\)](#). The BIOMAT International Summer School 2025 will provide participants, including postdoctoral researchers, PhD and Master's students, as well as early-career academics, with the opportunity to attend scientific lectures by leading international experts, participate in hands-on workshops, and enhance their essential soft skills. More information about these events can be found at <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/events>. The ESB is willing to support biomaterial-related initiatives organised by national and international societies through official endorsement requests, which can be made by initially contacting the [ESB Conference Liaison Officer](#).

Call for Nominations: Royal Society of Chemistry Biomaterials Science Lectureship 2025

Nominations for the prestigious [Royal Society of Chemistry Biomaterials Science Lectureship 2025](#) are now open and will close on **December 31, 2024**. This award celebrates early-career researchers who have made outstanding contributions to the field of biomaterials. The Lectureship recipient will receive £1,000 to cover travel and accommodation costs to attend and present their work at the 34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Biomaterials; an invitation to contribute an article to Biomaterials Science and receive a complimentary cover for the issue in which the article appears. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your work and gain recognition within the biomaterials community! More details at: <https://www.rsc.org/journals-books-databases/about-journals/biomaterials-science/lectureship-award>.

Call for Bids: 38th Annual Conference of the ESB in 2030

We are inviting bids to host **the 38th Annual Meeting** of our **Society**, which will be held in **2030**. More information about the organisation of an ESB annual conference and the bidding process can be found [here](#). The deadline for bid submission is also on **January 31, 2025**. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the [ESB Conference Liaison Officer](#).

Call for Nominations: ESB Council Membership

We invite you to **nominate candidates for one of the five seats that will become available on our council** from September 2025. Eligible candidates must be members of the ESB in good standing. Candidates need to be nominated by another ESB member also in good standing. Nominations should include a one-page resume and a letter of application of the nominee, both signed by the nominee. The deadline for receipt of nominations is **February 28, 2025**, and the online voting system will be available from **March 3-31, 2025**. Further details relating to the online nomination process will be circulated in early January 2025.

National Affiliated Societies

The ESB Liaison Officer to the National Affiliated Societies would like to express their sincere gratitude to all ESB members for their active participation in the successful Autumn webinar, which featured contributions from the German and Polish Societies for Biomaterials.

The next webinar event will take place in Spring 2025, and there is also will be a symposium involving representation from the Affiliated National Societies at the 34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Biomaterials. Stay tuned for more details through our newsletter and social media channels!”

ESB Communication Update

Remember to **keep your ESB profile up-to-date!** An updated profile ensures you will receive relevant communications, can network effectively with fellow members, and access the full benefits of your membership. Take a moment to:

- Verify and update your personal and contact information.
- Update your biography, confirm your areas of interest and expertise, and add any recent publications or professional achievements.
- Upload a recent profile photo.

To update your profile, simply log in to your account on our website and navigate to the “My Account” section, under “Member and Partners”.

Also, the **ESB is Now on LinkedIn!** Make sure to follow us by clicking [here](#) to stay updated with the latest announcements and information. Do not hesitate to recommend, repost, and react! Join and participate in the ESB community!

Fraudulent Emails: Phishing

The ESB community is urged to exercise heightened caution regarding suspicious emails purporting to be from ESB council members. It is crucial to note that the ESB Council will never solicit financial assistance from its membership via email. Be wary of any unexpected communications, especially those requesting funds or personal information. If you receive a suspicious email, do not respond or click on any links. Instead, report it as spam and forward it to the official ESB email address for verification.

Last but definitely by no means least, on behalf of the ESB Council, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful holiday period, as well as a prosperous and fulfilling New Year!

Kindest regards,



Nicholas Dunne, President

(on behalf of the ESB Council)