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Support for the People of Ukraine

Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,
Dear friends of ESB,

The European Society for Biomaterials scientific community has watched with increasing indignation the recent events in the wake of the Russian Government's invasion of Ukraine. Joining with thousands of members of the European scientific community, we strongly condemn this unprovoked act of war, and support democratic Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity.

Our collective thoughts and solidarity are with all Ukrainian citizens now in harm's way, and with those having to leave their homes to guarantee their safety and that of their families. Our thoughts are also with those Russian citizens taking a brave stand against the war, often at great personal risk.

As a community dedicated to the pursuit and dissemination of higher education and research for societal benefit, we are particularly concerned about the wellbeing and safety of colleagues and students in Ukraine's universities and research institutes, and about the disastrous effect that this military action will have on the lives of thousands of displaced scholars and students.

People are asking what they, as individuals – and what the European Society for Biomaterials, as a collegiate society – can do to help at this time of deep crisis. The European Society for Biomaterials has identified two initiatives to which people may wish to consider donating. The first is the [UNICEF Ukraine Appeal](#). A second is the [Council of At-Risk Academics](#) (CARA), which are working to identify opportunities to assist academics threatened in the current conflict.

Kind regards,



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(on behalf of the ESB Council)*