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Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,

I am delighted to share the latest news and updates from the European Society for Biomaterials (ESB).

In this edition of our newsletter, you will find a **call for nominations for the ESB 2026 Scientific Awards**, an **update on our official journal**, details about **ESB meetings in 2026**, information on the **ESB 50th Anniversary logo competition**, an **update on our website**, a **reminder of how to become an ESB member**, and a **word of caution regarding fraudulent emails**.

Call for Nominations – ESB Scientific Achievement Awards 2026

We are pleased to remind you that nominations are now open for the **ESB Scientific Achievement Awards 2026**. These prestigious awards include:

George Winter Award, Jean Leray Award, Klaas de Groot Award, and the International Award.

ESB members are encouraged to nominate outstanding colleagues who have made significant contributions to the field of biomaterials. These awards celebrate **excellence across all career stages, from early-career researchers to established scientists**, as well as those who have **demonstrated exceptional mentorship or have primarily worked outside Europe**.

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize deserving individuals! The deadline for nominations is Friday, 20 February 2026.

Further details on eligibility criteria and nomination procedures are available on the respective award webpages:

- **George Winter Award:** <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/george-winter-award>
- **Jean Leray Award:** <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/jean-leray-award>
- **Klaas de Groot Award:** <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/klaas-de-groot-award>
- **International Award:** <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/international-award>

ESB Official Journal Updates

2025 Edition of the Official ESB Themed Collection:

***Biomaterials Science* has launched the Official ESB2025 themed collection**, showcasing some of the research that was presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Biomaterials, held in September 2025. As the official journal of the ESB, *Biomaterials Science* works in partnership with the ESB to highlight some of the top research from the community. This year's collection also features additional papers from ESB members. We hope you enjoy reading this collection of featured research. **All [articles are free to read until 31 December 2026](#).**

2026 Edition of the Official ESB Themed Collection:

Later this year, **Biomaterials Science** will launch the **Official ESB2026 themed collection**, which will feature research presented at the ESB2026 annual conference. If you want your work to be considered for a Full Paper submission for this collection, please tick the box at the bottom line of the PDF Template when submitting your [Abstract on the ESB2026 Conference Website](#). The special issue will also include papers from ESB members who have opted-in to have their Biomaterials Science papers included. Authors will be prompted upon submission to indicate whether they are an ESB member in good standing, and if they would like their paper added to the collection post-publication. All featured papers will be freely accessible for an extended period (though not open access) and will receive extensive promotion through the ESB newsletter and various journal channels.

ESB 2026 – 35th Annual Conference in Antwerp, Belgium

For **50 years**, the **European Society for Biomaterials** has been a **cornerstone of the biomaterials community**, bringing together leading scientists, clinicians, engineers, and industry to accelerate progress in biomaterials science and regenerative medicine. Since its foundation in 1976, ESB has grown into a dynamic, multidisciplinary network spanning Europe and beyond, committed to advancing innovative solutions that improve health and quality of life.

The **50th Anniversary Edition** of the Annual ESB Conference in **Antwerp** will honour this scientific legacy while looking ahead to the breakthroughs of tomorrow. With more than **1000 participants expected** and a program shaped by top international experts, ESB 2026 promises to be a landmark event.

The conference will take place from **7-11 September 2026** at the **Flanders Meeting & Convention Center Antwerp (FMCCA)**, located next to the iconic Antwerp Central Station and known for its “A Room with a ZOO” concept. The venue offers a unique blend of historical charm and modern infrastructure, ideal for plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, poster sessions, and industry exhibitions.

We are pleased to announce that the **registration platform for ESB 2026 is officially open**.

Register here: <https://esb2026.org/>

Participants are guided step by step through the registration system, with automatic confirmation emails once registration is complete.

The **abstract submission platform is now accessible**. Researchers from all disciplines are encouraged to contribute to the scientific program of ESB 2026.

Submit your abstract: <https://esb2026.org/abstracts/>

Deadline: 15 March 2026

Approved symposia and submission guidelines are communicated through the platform and website.



Exclusive sponsorship opportunities for ESB 2026 are still available. Sponsors of ESB 2026 will be prominently featured on the ESB website and LinkedIn for one full year following the conference, ensuring sustained exposure to researchers, clinicians, and industry leaders worldwide. We take the opportunity to acknowledge the ESB2025 sponsors.



Future ESB Events and Hosting

As a reminder, the upcoming Annual ESB Conferences will be held in:

- **Uppsala, Sweden:** September 5-9, 2027 (**ESB 2027**)
- **Newcastle upon Tyne and Gateshead, UK:** September 3-7, 2029 (**ESB 2029**)

9th China–Europe Symposium on Biomaterials in Regenerative Medicine (CESB 2026)

The **9th China–Europe Symposium on Biomaterials in Regenerative Medicine (CESB 2026)**, a joint initiative between the Chinese Society for Biomaterials (CSBM) and the ESB, will take place in **Beijing, China, from May 10-13, 2026.**

The symposium is co-hosted by the **National Centre for Nanoscience and Technology** and **Peking University.**

We warmly invite all ESB members to submit their latest abstracts and participate in this exciting event.

The **deadline for abstracts is March 1, 2026.**

For more details, visit the official website: <https://cesb2026.csbm.org.cn/>

We look forward to welcoming you to Beijing for **CESB 2026**, a symposium that bridges continents!



ESB 50th Anniversary Logo Competition - Deadline Extension

2026 marks a historic year for the ESB as we celebrate our **50th anniversary**. To commemorate this milestone, we are inviting members of the Young Scientists Forum (YSF) to design the official ESB 50th anniversary logo.

This competition is your opportunity to leave a lasting mark on our society's legacy and showcase your creativity to the entire biomaterials community. The winning design will be prominently featured throughout the anniversary year, and its creator will receive full recognition for their contribution.

The **final submission deadline has been extended to February 20, 2026**, giving you more time to refine your creative ideas.

Who can participate? YSF members (under 40)

Submission deadline: February 20, 2026

Submission Guidelines:

- Only **one original logo** per participant, themed “ESB 50th Anniversary.”
- Submit as a **high-resolution file** (.tiff, .jpeg, or .png; minimum 2 MP / 300 dpi).
- Include the completed **Image Competition Form** ([downloadable from the ESB website](#)). AI-generated content must be fully disclosed.
- Send entries to ysf@esbiomaterials.eu and arn.mignon@kuleuven.be. Large files can be shared via WeTransfer, Smash or SurfFilesender).
- Use the subject line: **ESB 50th Anniversary Logo Competition**

The winner will be selected by a vote of the entire ESB community. Don't miss the chance to make your design part of ESB history!

Website Updates

In our previous newsletter, we announced the **launch of the [ESB YouTube channel](#)**, where you can now find testimonials and messages from the ESB Scientific Award winners! If you prefer to access these interviews on the ESB website, **short versions are available on the [homepage](#)**, while **full-length interviews can be found on the [Past Winners – Scientific Achievements](#) page**.

More videos are on the way, stay tuned!

Get involved in **ESB video production**: if you're interested in helping with the editing of existing videos or filming new ones during the ESB 2026 Conference, we'd be delighted to have your expertise! Simply email the [ESB Communication Officer](#) to volunteer. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable experience, receive credit for your contributions, and connect with inspiring researchers in the field.

Update your ESB Member Profile: don't forget to keep your ESB member profile up to date. It's the best way to network with fellow members and enhance your visibility. **You can now update your email address in the « Personal Information » section of [your ESB account](#) on the website**. This ensures that other members can reach you and that you won't miss any important updates from the ESB!

How to Become an ESB Member

The **ESB invites you to join our vibrant community of researchers, clinicians, and industry professionals**. As an ESB member, you'll gain access to exclusive resources, networking opportunities, and the chance to contribute to groundbreaking initiatives in biomaterials science.

The membership process is simple and outlined step by step on our website: <https://esbiomaterials.eu/cms/content/subscription-and-membership>

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.

Finally, on behalf of the ESB Council, I would like to extend our warmest wishes for a prosperous, healthy, and fulfilling 2026 to you and your families. May this year bring new scientific breakthroughs, collaborations, and successes to our community!

Kind regards,



*Nicholas Dunne, President
(on behalf of the ESB Council)*