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WEBINAR SERIES 2024 | Incentivising Green Research Practices on a Burning Planet

Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,

I am delighted to announce the 2024 webinar series promoted by the ESB council to showcase the impactful research and related activities being conducted within our Society and enhance member interactions.

Our Liaison Officer for the National Affiliated Societies, Maria Grazia Raucci, and Matteo D'Este, our Industry Liaison Officer are thrilled to introduce the speaker **Dr Una FitzGerald** from CÚRAM, University of Galway, who will follow up the symposium on lab sustainability held at the ESB2023 Davos with a Webinar on: "Incentivising Green Research Practices on a Burning Planet" on **June 17**, **2023**, from 15:00-16:00 [CET].

Biosketch of the Speaker| Dr FitzGerald is an Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering and funded Investigator within CÚRAM, the SFI-funded National Centre for Research on Medical Devices. After gaining a BE (Industrial) and MSc in Biotechnology from UCG, she worked abroad in the biotech sector for five years before completing a PhD in Molecular Biology, in 1993 at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Since 1997 and after returning to Ireland in 2003, Úna's primary research focus has been Multiple Sclerosis (MS). About six years ago, she became aware of the enormous environmental footprint that labs have. Dr FitzGerald led the CÚRAM lab to be the first in Europe certified as 'Green' by the US non-profit, 'My Green Lab' (see <u>video</u>). This led to a chairing role in SEAI's



working group for public sector labs and the co-founding of the <u>Irish Green Labs network</u>. In November 2023, she received the SFI's inaugural award for 'Green Transition'.

Participation in this Spring webinar is FREE, but registration is required: <u>https://form.jotform.com/241543848154359</u>. Registrants will receive an email with the webinar link on the day of the event. For any questions, contact us at Secretary@esbiomaterials.eu.

Do not miss this opportunity to listen to an amazing speaker! We hope to see you all there!

Kindest regards,



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