



ESB Newsletter November 13, 2023 - ESB 2023 / New Council

Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,
Dear colleagues and friends,

Autumn is in full swing and with it all our scientific/academic duties are peaking. While our thoughts are already immersed in the attendance of WBC2024 (don't forget, the abstract submission deadline is November 30, 2023 - visit <https://wbc2024.com>), I would like to reflect on the resounding success of the ESB2023 Conference held in Davos last September.

The ESB Council is very grateful to the Conference Chairs - Matteo D'Este, David Englin, Marcy Zenobi-Wong - and the national and local organizing committees for putting in place a truly exceptional event! We enjoyed five days of groundbreaking science and countless opportunities to network and reconnect with both familiar and new faces. We had a blast! While quality remains our paramount concern, we were delighted to see over 1,200 registered participants. On a personal note, I was particularly heartened by the active and participative role played by the younger generation of researchers during the conference. This testifies to the thriving nature of our community!

As was announced during our General Assembly, three of the Council members finished their terms in September 2023 and four new members have been elected. We welcomed the new council members, Elżbieta Pamuła, Jérôme Sohier, Niloofar Tahmasebi, as well as welcomed back Nicholas Dunne, who was re-elected for another four-year term. During the first meeting of the new council, the different roles were redistributed, and it is my pleasure to share these with you:

- Nicholas Dunne, President
- Cristina Barrias, Vice President, and Journal Liaison Officer
- Sandra van Vlierberghe, Secretary and Liaison Officer with Conference Organizers
- Silvia Faré, Treasurer
- Elżbieta Pamuła, Education Officer
- Jérôme Sohier, Communication Officer
- Matteo D'Este, Industry Liaison Officer
- Maria Grazia Raucci, Liaison Officer National Affiliated Societies
- Niloofar Tahmasebi, YSF Liaison Officer

Congratulations to this great new team! I wish the new Council a very successful term.

During this meeting, the service and dedication to our society of Aldo R. Boccaccini and Karine Anselm was praised. Their roles as Vice President and YSF Liaison Officer,

and Education Officer, respectively, have been instrumental for the success of many key activities of our term.

As I pen my final newsletter as ESB President, I want to express my gratitude to the entire community and my fellow Council members for the trust you've bestowed upon me to represent the ESB. Over the past two years, we've worked diligently to elevate the visibility of ESB at both the European and international levels and to foster greater participation from our members in our community activities. I firmly believe that together, we are stronger.

Yet, as I always say, I've stood on the shoulders of Giants. It has been an immense honor and pleasure to engage and learn during my eight years on the council, by collaborating with the Presidents of Affiliated National Societies, representatives of the International Biomaterials Societies and Sister Societies, the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering, our Young Scientists Forum, representatives of the ESB journal RSC Biomaterials Science, current and former ESB council members, and countless individual members at our conferences and in various other capacities. Thank you, one and all!

This is not a goodbye, but rather a transition. I remain committed to serving the society and the council in any capacity required, as an ex-officio member. I eagerly look forward to meeting you, whether at [WBC2024](#) in Korea or at [CESB2024](#) in Nuremberg. Stay tuned for the news to come!

Kindest regards,



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(on behalf of the ESB Council)*