



**Fellows-BSE Meeting
Madrid, Spain
September 9, 2013**

Agenda

1. Welcome New Fellows
2. Summary of the Fellows' meeting in Boston, MA
3. Update on the development of an international student exchange program
4. Update on Fellows participation at the 10th World Biomaterials Congress in Montreal, Canada by Paul Santerre.
5. Discuss future activities and identify volunteers to lead them

Building a growing network of its Fellows, ICF-BSE is poised to amplify its impact and recognition. Below are specific goals that we may tackle in the coming years. However, none will be possible without the active support of all ICF-BSE Fellows

(i) Establish an international graduate student/young scientists exchange program supported by Fellows.

Proposal: This program allows young scientists to pursue their research while exposing them to international cultures and customs, an experience that will prove valuable as scientific research becomes increasingly global in scope. The goals are to create new ties for research collaboration and professional network as well as to better prepare our students for the dynamic employment market in the future. Fellows who are interested in developing exchange sites should form a committee to agree on common practices and quality assurance among all sites.

(ii) Publish a special 'Fellows' issue in a biomaterials journal.

Proposal: Fellows will be asked to write brief articles, reviews or opinion papers on a common theme for publication in a special issue of a biomaterials journal. An upcoming issue based on the Special Fellow Session at the 9th World Biomaterials Congress will appear in the Journal of Materials Sciences - Materials in Medicine.

(iii) Hold international, biannual meetings for the Fellows.

Proposal: These conferences should focus on a specific theme or topic, be limited to a small group (approximately 100), provide ample time for private interactions, require no abstracts and yield no proceedings. An example of a conference theme would be: "Promoting translational research for industrial applications," which would explore the different ways in which various countries address technology transfer.

(iv) Bestow a Fellows Award.

Proposal: This award will be presented every 2 or 4 years. There will be no monetary prize given; however, the recipient receives a preferred speaking assignment for a prominent lecture at the World Biomaterials Congress.

(v) Create collection of writings by Fellows.

Proposal: Fellows will be asked to write a 1-2 page opinion paper about any subject. The papers, which should be of high quality, will be published on the Fellows website (<http://www.fellowsbse.org>). The content can be an introduction to the Fellow's laboratory, research topics or related policies. Once a sufficient number of papers has been collected, they will be published in a booklet for distribution to industry, the press, or government and funding agencies, depending upon the topic.

(vi) Create a "News Page" or "News Letter" on the Fellows' website.

Proposal: Fellows will be asked to provide information about their recently published journal articles, awards/honors, interviews and major achievements on a regular basis (Monthly or Quarterly). The highlights of this information will be posted on the fellows' website in a separate section.

The ultimate vision of the ICF-BSE is to become a well recognized, highly esteemed international organization focused on the advancement of biomaterials science and engineering. As such, it is the goal of the ICF-BSE to be an advisory entity charged with such tasks as advising biomaterials societies, universities, and government agencies on all matters relating to the field of biomaterials science and engineering.