Dear SSB+RM members, sponsors, and friends

This newsletter informs you on the 2016 Annual Meeting, the activities of the young scientists, and the news from the Executive Committee. The following meetings should be in your agenda. Please especially note that if you are SSB+RM member the reduced registration rate at WBC applies.

- i-net Technology Event 'Novel nanomaterials for life sciences and medtech', January 21, 2016, 15:30-18:00, Department of Biomedical Engineering (DBE), University of Basel, Gewerbestrasse 14, 4123 Allschwil, Switzerland
- 10th World Biomaterials Congress, May 17-22, 2016, Montréal, Canada
- eCM XVII: Stem cells, bone fixation, repair & regeneration June 20-23, 2016, Davos, Switzerland
- TERMIS-EU Conference, June 26-30, 2017, Davos, Switzerland

22nd Annual Meeting of SSB+RM

We will meet at the Schulthess Clinic in Zurich June 9-10, 2016 to deal with the special topic "Biomaterials in Translation" and with all other topics in the fields of biomaterials and regenerative medicine. Four invited speakers, i.e., K. de Bock, S. Hoerstrup, W. Stark, and C. Werner, confirmed their participation. Please include the deadline for abstract submission March 31, 2016 into your agenda. M. Wong-Zenobi and her team organize the meeting. For more details see our webpage.

Activities of young scientists within SSB+RM

The Association of Young Scientists in the Biomedical Field in Switzerland is the Swiss national chapter of the Young Scientists Forum (YSF) and integrated into SSB+RM. The EC-members are committed to the numerous activities, which include the established Lab & Networking events.

SSB+RM actively promotes the career of the young scientists. For this purpose, four annual travel awards, 500 CHF each, have been established, for more information see http://ssbrm.ch/awards/travel_awards. To honor the excellent scientific work in the area of biomaterials and regenerative medicine, the SSB+RM presents one Research Award for an outstanding PhD-thesis and one Research Award for an outstanding MD/DDS-thesis, which consist each of CHF 1500 and a certificate. The rules are listened on our webpage: http://ssbrm.ch/awards/research_awards.

Changes within the Executive Committee

Paul-Henri Vallotton, Dentsply Implants and Christine Wandrey, EPF Lausanne resigned and earned the honorary membership for their merits. You have elected Katharina Maniura as new President and Janine Conde, Martin Ehrbar, Björn Olbricht, and Andreas Zumbühl as new EC-members. As a consequence, the EC-members have discussed the strategy in distributing functions. Besides the established functions (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Student Representative, and Web Editor), the EC-members have agreed to appoint a Sponsoring Coordinator. We are going to publish on our webpage that Martin Ehrbar is the new Sponsoring Coordinator and Björn Olbricht is the new Web Editor.

Adam Papadimitropoulos, CELLEC Biotek AG, has left Switzerland for a new challenge in Italy and, therefore, exceptionally resigned. The EC-members thank Adam for his valuable contributions and wish him all the best for professional and private future.

With kind regards,

Vice President SSB+RM in the name of the Executive Committee