



*Swiss Society for Biomaterials + Regenerative Medicine*  
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## **SWISS SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE- Spring 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**Abstract deadline: March 31**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

June 9th-10th 2015, EPFL, Lausanne

**Biomaterials: Past and Present**

A celebration of the 20th anniversary of the SSB+RM

Dear SSB+RM members, sponsors and friends,

we are pleased to present you the topics of this Newsletter:

1. Call for abstracts **SSB+RM Annual Meeting 2015, EPFL, Lausanne**: a celebration of 20 years of Biomaterials Society in Switzerland + information on Annual Meeting
2. SSB+RM Research Award
3. Student travel grants
4. SSB+RM Executive Committee: call for new members
5. Tissue engineering task force - update

The Newsletters can also be found on the SSB+RM website: <http://ssbrm.ch/>

Please forward this mail to colleagues and friends who might be interested in SSB+RM.

1. Call for abstracts **SSB+RM Annual Meeting 2015, EPFL, Lausanne**: a celebration of 20 years of Biomaterials Society in Switzerland + information on Annual Meeting  
**The SSB+RM Annual Meeting will take place in Lausanne on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Because of the twentieth anniversary of the society the theme will be "Biomaterials – Past and Present".**

The conference will include keynote lectures and sessions on biomaterials, biofabrication and tissue engineering with presentations from academy, industry and clinicians.

A Young Scientists forum, exhibitions, posters and direct contacts between participants will be organized to share past experience, present challenges and future ideas.

**Please find the flyer for the 2015 meeting attached or online.... and submit your abstract!**  
**Abstract deadline: March 31st, 2015**

## Registration for attendance

Information + registration: <http://ssbrm.ch/SSBRM2015/organization/registration>

Price before April 30th, 2015 = 250 CHF

Price after April 30th, 2015 = 400 CHF

Student\* price before April 30th, 2015 = 150 CHF

Student\* price after April 30th, 2015 = 300 CHF

\* Graduate Students selected for an oral presentation or a poster

## Co-chair positions for students and young scientists

For the first time, we are pleased to announce that young scientists will have the chance to co-chair a session together with an experienced scientist. Do not miss this opportunity! One student will be chosen per session. To apply, please send your CV to the Young Scientists Representative ([laetitia.galea at gmail.com](mailto:laetitia.galea@gmail.com)) and mention which session (“biomaterials”, “biofabrication” and “tissue engineering”) you would like to co-chair.

## Mentoring

After the big success of the first mentoring initiative in 2014, we are proud to announce again the participation of a few mentors for young scientists. We have chosen a panel of established scientists with a variety of backgrounds, including industry, academia or clinics. They will be introduced at the beginning of the meeting and will be recognizable wearing the mentor’s logo. Students are warmly encouraged to make contact with these persons, during breaks and dinner.

## 2. SSB+RM Research award:

To honor excellent scientific work in the area of Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine, the SSB+RM will present **two Research Awards** a year, one for an **outstanding PhD thesis** and one for an **outstanding MD/DDS thesis**. The awards will be given based on originality and impact of the work. The research award consists of **CHF 1500.- and a certificate**.

## Rules

- To qualify for the Research Award, the candidate must have completed and defended her/his PhD/MD/DDS thesis during the last 12 months at a Swiss university or be a Swiss citizen who defended in a foreign country.
- The topic of the research must be related to the scope of the society.
- The author of the thesis may nominate him- or herself.
- The candidate must have at least one accepted paper as first author in a peer-reviewed journal.
- The candidate must submit a cover letter, CV, pdf of the thesis and pdf of the accepted paper to the SSB+RM secretary.
- The **deadline for submission is December 31** for the Award ceremony of the following year. **Exceptional 2015 deadline for submission: 31st of March 2015.**
- The Award Committee is composed of active members of the Executive Committee of the SSB+RM who will evaluate the applications. Their decision is final.
- The winners are expected to present their work at the SSB+RM Annual Conference.

## 3. Student travel awards 2015 still available:

For information on rules please refer to: [http://ssbrm.ch/awards/travel\\_awards](http://ssbrm.ch/awards/travel_awards)

Applications to SSB+RM should contain a proof of the student status, the accepted abstract with the notification of acceptance and a short (maximum half a page) cover letter explaining your background and the relevance of this conference for you.

Send your application to the SSB+RM student's representative, Laetitia Galea: [laetitia.galea at gmail.com](mailto:laetitia.galea@gmail.com)

#### **4. SSB+RM Executive Committee (EC): call for new members**

The SSB+RM is seeking for new members of the EC. Today the EC Committee is composed of 10 people from academic institutions or private companies (see <http://ssbrm.ch/ssb/ec> for more details).

We would like to have new SSB+RM member(s) joining the EC at the time of the next SSB General Assembly in June 2015. Interested people are encouraged to send a short motivation email and a curriculum vitae to Paul-Henri Vallotton (President), Katharina Maniura (Vice-President) or Bert Müller (Secretary).

Deadline is April 30, 2015

Paul, Bert and me will be happy to provide more information.

#### **5. Tissue engineering task force - update**

The SSB+RM task force on tissue engineering has met and discussed a number of times since 2013.

Outlook on new SSB+RM activities:

(i) Lab + Networking Events.

The first event has taken place at the ARI in Davos on February 27th and was well attended (15 participants from ETHZ Zürich, University Basel and ARI).

##### **Stay tuned for future events!**

The Lab and Networking events are planned to consist of some tour of the facilities, some possible practicals or/and discussion around techniques/processes and one or two lectures on topics in which the lab has a recognised expertise.

They will be open to PhDs and Postdocs in priority and limited in number based on the capacity of the hosting laboratory.

(ii) Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine education in Switzerland: database in progress. <http://ssbrm.ch/general/education>

We wish you a happy and successful spring time and hope to see you in Lausanne in June.

With kind regards,

Your SSB+RM Executive Committee

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