



# SWISS SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2013

Dear SSBRM members, sponsors, biomaterial friends and new (old) friends in the field of regenerative medicine/ tissue engineering

Please note the following topics of this SSBRM Newsletter:

- (1) Reminder: New name for the SSB -> SSBRM
- (2) Invitation to participate in a Tissue Engineering Task Force
- (3) First Announcement SSBRM2014 Annual Meeting in Basel: May 7th and 8th, 2014

### (1) The SSB has a new name!

During the General Assembly of the SSB in Davos on June 26, 2013, the members accepted to integrate Tissue Engineering research and development in its purpose and activities. In September 2013, a task force will be set up to identify actions and organizational changes that need to be undertaken in order to fully incorporate tissue engineering in the scope of the Society. Subsequently, the members voted in favor of a new name for the SSB:

#### THE SWISS SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

We are currently working on a new logo and will reveal it soon in 2014.  
In the meantime the current logo will continue to be used.

### (2) Invitation to participate in a Tissue Engineering Task Force

In view of the new broadened interest of the SSBRM to the field of regenerative medicine and tissue engineering the Executive Committee has designated three of its members (Marcy Wong, David Eglin, Katharina Maniura) to form a task force. We are now looking forward to completing the group with at least three persons outside to be part of the Task Force.

Please find information in the attached letter of invitation and feel free to contact Marcy ([marcy.zenobi@hest.ethz.ch](mailto:marcy.zenobi@hest.ethz.ch)), David ([david.eglin@aofoundation.org](mailto:david.eglin@aofoundation.org)), Katharina ([katharina.maniura@empa.ch](mailto:katharina.maniura@empa.ch)) or Paul ([paulhenri.vallotton@dentsply.com](mailto:paulhenri.vallotton@dentsply.com)) if you would like more info about this Task Force.

We hope you will take this opportunity to contribute significantly to our Society's future by volunteering in this group.



We will gladly welcome you and are thankful in advance for your engagement.  
(<http://ssb.biomaterials.ch/>)

### **(3) The 20th Swiss Conference on Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine (SSBRM2014) will take place on May 7th-8th 2014 in Basel**

Medartis kindly agreed to host our annual meeting in the afternoon of May 7th through the evening of May 8th.

The topic of next year's meeting will be "Ion and Molecule Release from Biomaterials: Pros and Cons"

(<http://ssb.biomaterials.ch/SSBRM2014>).

Please refer to the attachments for more detailed information on the above topics.

The SSBRM EC team sends you warm seasonal greetings and hopes to see you in Basel for the annual SSBRM Meeting.

With kind regards,

**On behalf of your SSBRM Executive Committee-**  
Katharina Maniura, Vice President



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## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE TO A TISSUE ENGINEERING TASK FORCE

November 20, 2013

Dear SSBRM members and biomaterials friends,

During the last General Assembly of the SSB, the members voted for the integration of tissue engineering activities in the purpose and activities of the Society, which became the Swiss Society for Biomaterials *and Regenerative Medicine*. They also accepted the creation of a Task Force to define more precisely the goals and the organizational needs related to this integration (e.g. reaching TE groups in Switzerland, connecting with Swiss Societies interested in RM, Integrating RM in the annual SSB+RM meeting, etc). The outcome of the Task Force will be presented to the next General Assembly in Basel in May 2014 for approval.

The Executive Committee of the SSBRM has since then designated three of its members (Katharina Maniura, Marcy Zenobi-Wong, David Eglin) to be part of the Task Force. **We are now looking forward to completing the group with at least three persons outside the EC.** Participants of the Task Force might have to attend a couple of dedicated meetings during the next months, but most of the work is likely to be achieved via internet media. Please feel free to contact Katharina ([katharina.maniura@empa.ch](mailto:katharina.maniura@empa.ch)), Marcy ([marcy.zenobi@hest.ethz.ch](mailto:marcy.zenobi@hest.ethz.ch)), David ([david.eglin@aofoundation.org](mailto:david.eglin@aofoundation.org)) or myself ([paul-henri.vallotton@dentsply.com](mailto:paul-henri.vallotton@dentsply.com)) if you need more info about this Task Force.

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Best regards,

Dr. Paul-Henri Vallotton  
SSBRM President

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society for Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine

Wednesday and Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Medartis, Basel, Switzerland

### How to get to Medartis AG (red-coloured dot)

We recommend the use of public transport.

From Basel SBB: Take tram #8 to Kleinhüningen. Turn right off the tram and at the crossroads follow the Wiesendamm footpath along the river. After 100 m, cross the river at the pedestrian footbridge (Stücki Steg) and continue right down Hochbergerstrasse. At the Best Western Hotel turn left onto Badenstrasse. Medartis AG is a couple of meters further across the road.

From Basel Bad. Bf: Take bus #36 to Stücki. At the Best Western Hotel turn left onto Badenstrasse. Medartis AG is a couple of meters further across the road.

Alternatively, you may take your car. Parking in front of Medartis AG is restricted, but you may use the car park in the Stücki shopping centre.



**Topic: Ion and Molecule Release  
from Biomaterials -  
Pros and Cons**



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## Scope of the Meeting

The SSBRM meetings are devoted to all aspects of biomaterials science including designing, preparation, characterisation, quality control and application. Emphasis is not only placed on basic research but also on engineering and medical implications. The meetings are open to everybody interested in the scientific, technological and medical aspects of biomaterials and primarily target graduate students, scientists, medical doctors, dentists and engineers dealing with metal, ceramic, polymer or other biomaterials and tissue engineering.

## 2014 Themes

Besides the general session, the program includes a **Young Scientist** session, a **Tissue Engineering** session and a special session dedicated to **molecule and ion release from biomaterials**.

## Conference Fee

The fee includes the attendance of the meeting, the proceedings booklet, lunch dinner, and coffee breaks as well as one year SSBRM membership.

Standard online registration 150 CHF

Reduced online registration 100 CHF

On-site registration 200 CHF

## Information/Registration

Via SSB homepage <http://ssb.biomaterials.ch/>

## Venue

Medartis AG, Hochbergstrasse 60E, 4057 Basel, Switzerland.

## Local organizers

Medartis AG (A. Fasolin)

Biomaterials Science Center (V. Grötzinger, B. Müller)

## Scientific Committee

*Laëtitia Galea*

RMS Foundation, Bettlach

*Bert Müller*

Biomaterials Science Center, University of Basel

*Paul-Henri Vallotton*

Dentsply Maillefer, Ballaigues

*Marcy Zenobi-Wong*

Cartilage Engineering + Regeneration Laboratory, ETH Zürich

## Invited Speakers

PD Dr. med. *Kathrin Scherer*, University Hospital Basel

Prof. Dr. *Ivan Martin*, University Hospital Basel

## Call for Papers

Both oral and poster presentations are welcome. Those wishing to present are asked to submit an extended abstract (1 page maximum) by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Abstracts must be submitted as an electronic file in MS Word and must adhere to the abstract guidelines. The abstract template can be downloaded from the conference website <http://ssb.biomaterials.ch/SSBRM2014>.

Abstracts should be submitted via e-mail to [abstracts@ssb.biomaterials.ch](mailto:abstracts@ssb.biomaterials.ch) as an attachment.

Submission of abstracts for last minute poster presentation can be done until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The decision on acceptance will be sent to applicants on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

