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# Welcome to the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society For Biomaterials

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society For Biomaterials! The theme for our meeting is “Animating Materials,” quite appropriate for our surrounding location.

Over the next several days we will learn about the latest innovations in materials science, molecular and cell biology, and engineering in the context of basic, applied and translational biomaterials science. A diverse and exciting program was crafted from a very large number of abstract submissions (~1000), consisting of Symposia, General Sessions, Workshops, Panel Discussions, Poster and Rapid Fire Sessions, and Tutorials. These program elements, as well as the numerous informal discussions and interactions with colleagues that will take place here in Orlando, will serve to identify exciting new opportunities and mechanisms for the biomaterials science, engineering and industry community to improve human health.

I would like to thank the numerous individuals who have contributed their time and effort during organization of this meeting: members of the Program Committee, Drs. Guillermo Ameer, Anthony Brennan, Peter Edelman, Andres Garcia, Jeremy Gilbert, Warren Haggard, Liisa Kuhn, Suping Lyu, Philip Messersmith, Anne Meyer, Monty Reichert and Christopher Siedlecki for their effort in constructing an exciting scientific program for this meeting. I am also grateful to the numerous individuals who have created the session/workshop/panel/tutorial as organizers, as well as to the abstract reviewers and SFB Orlando representatives. We are particularly grateful to our generous sponsors and exhibitors. Special thanks go to all of our hardworking SFB staff members, particularly Dan Lemyre, Anthony Celenza, Astrid Schrier, Leslie Clark, Annemarie Stanislawczyk, and Rebecca Riedesel who worked tirelessly to make this meeting a success.

Finally, I hope that you find the meeting productive and enjoyable!

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