



WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS

2017 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the Society For Biomaterials 2017 Annual Meeting & Exposition! The theme for this year's meeting is "**Where Materials Become Medicine**," a recognition that the Society For Biomaterials, perhaps more than any other in the world, works to translate findings in materials science to clinical application to improve human health and quality of life.

We are excited to host the 2017 Annual Meeting and Exposition in the heart of Medical Alley, and have tailored the scientific program to be of interest and relevance to the medical device industry community that is so prevalent in the Minneapolis area, as well as academic, clinical, and regulatory scientists. There is an entire track geared towards "**Biomaterials Technology in Industry**" that runs through the program. These sessions consider the realities of industry rather than being judged solely by the scientific requirements of academia to allow for greater participation from industry without compromising the need to maintain the integrity of their proprietary information. There are dedicated tracks of interest to the SFB community, including Drug Delivery and Cell & Tissue Regeneration. In addition, for the first time, SFB is pleased to present a series of "**Thought Leader Symposia**" that will allow thought leaders from across the breadth of disciplines represented in the Society to share their perspectives on current research and future directions of the field.

We would like to thank the numerous individuals that have contributed their time and effort to the organization of this meeting. To the members of the Program Committee — Natalie Artzi, Art Coury, Peter Edelman, Brendan Harley, Bob Hastings, Bill Murphy, Wei Shen, Christopher Siedlecki, Carl Simon, Johnna Temenoff, and SFB President Liisa Kuhn — we extend a special thanks for their effort in constructing a unique and engaging program for 2017.

We are also grateful to the numerous individuals who have worked to create each session, workshop and panel, as well as those whose time went into the creation and organization of this year's abstracts. We are particularly grateful to our generous sponsors and exhibitors, without whom this meeting would not be possible.

For the second time, SFB has 2 program co-chairs, one from academia and one from industry. This is to encourage participation and to incorporate programming that will be of interest to our colleagues working in diverse industrial and academic environments.

Finally, we would like to give our thanks to you, the attendees of this Annual Meeting & Exposition! You are the heart of this meeting and it is our hope that you find your time here both productive and enjoyable.

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