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Welcome to San Antonio and the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for Biomaterials!

The next four days will offer insights into the past, present, and future of biomaterials and will remind us of the seamless and crucial integration of past with future. This year we have made special efforts to include events that tap clinical, industrial, and academic perspectives – I hope you will take full advantage of the multi-faceted format.

I am grateful to those individuals who have worked so hard to organize this year's meeting. Special thanks go to the members of the Program committee, session/workshop/panel/tutorial organizers, abstract reviewers, SFB San Antonio representatives, volunteers, invited speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors. Our SFB staff members, particularly Anthony Celenza, Dan Lemyre, and Hillary Mix, have been working diligently to make this event a smooth running operation; I am grateful for their dedication.

I hope you find that the meeting stimulates your technical curiosity, but that you also take the time to enjoy San Antonio with both new and longtime friends! I wish you a very productive meeting and I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Best wishes,

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