



# WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS 2014 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPOSITION

**GENERAL  
INFORMATION**


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Biomaterials**  
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A very warm welcome to Denver, CO for the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society For Biomaterials! The year's meeting theme, "**Pioneering the Future of Biomaterials**," is an acknowledgement to the historical significance of our host city and recognition of the pioneering spirit of our Society in advancing the scientific knowledge and technology.

In the next few days, we will hear presentations on the most-up-to-date discoveries in basic and translational biomaterials sciences, spanning across the different disciplines, including molecular and cell biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. Of the 878 abstracts accepted, the program committee has crafted a diverse

and stimulating program consisting of a Keynote lecture, 2 Plenary Sessions, 53 concurrent General Sessions/Symposia, 8 Panel Discussions/Tutorials, 4 Workshops, and Poster Sessions. It is the intent that the numerous collegial discussions and interactions that will take place over the next several days will continue to inspire the pioneering spirit of the attendees and will serve to invigorate and catalyze new and exciting collaborations between engineers, academicians, clinicians, researchers, and scientists for the sole purpose of improving human health.

In addition to the abstracts and the attendees, the support from sponsors and the participation of exhibitors play an integral role for the success of a scientific meeting. For this, we greatly appreciate the support from our numerous sponsors and participating exhibitors who have help make this 2014 meeting possible. Anyone who has ever been involved in planning annual conferences of such magnitude also knows that it takes a team of dedicated volunteers to organize and plan for such an event. As such, I would like to thank the numerous individuals that have submitted ideas for the general session, symposium, workshop, panel discussion and tutorial, as well as the numerous reviewers who have contributed their time to evaluate the abstracts. I would also like to personally thank the members of the Program Committee (Kristi S. Anseth, Natalie Artzi, Sarit Bhadhuri, Ahmed El-Ghannam, Warren O. Haggard, Helen H. Lu, Sachin S. Mamidwar, Antonios G. Mikos, Lakshmi S. Nair, Peter G. Edelman, Lynne C. Jones, Alan S. Litsky, Steve R. Little, Gopinath Mani, Timmie L.D. Topoleski, and Guigen Zhang) for their contributions and time during the organization of this meeting as well as for their effort in assembling an exciting 2014 scientific program. Finally, I am very grateful to our hardworking SFB staff members, particularly Dan Lemyre, Leslie Clark, Rebecca Riedesel, Meghan Wright, and Danielle Smith who worked diligently to make this meeting in Denver a success.

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