

## THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS

The European Society for Biomaterials is very pleased to be associated with the new journal *Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine* and to recognise it as its official journal.

The Society was founded in 1976 following a meeting of interested scientists and clinicians in Bologna, Italy. It is a Professional Society which aims to promote advances in the science and applications of biomaterials. It does so through the organisation of its own meetings, co-sponsorship of meetings in collaboration with other scientific societies, the publishing of conference proceedings and the sponsorship of a journal.

Traditionally the regular meetings of the Society are held every two years, recent venues being Heidelberg (1989), Amsterdam (1987), Paris (1985), Leuven (1983) and Goteborg (1981). By agreement, the European Society of Biomechanics organises meetings in alternating years, for example at Aarhus (1990), Bristol (1988), Berlin (1986), Paris (1984) and Nijmegen (1982). The society also co-sponsors the World Congress of Biomaterials, held every four years, originating in Vienna in 1980, followed by Washington in 1984 and Kyoto in 1988. It also organises other meetings on specific or special occasions, the most prominent being the ESB Consensus Conference on 'Definitions in Biomaterials' held in Chester in 1986.

Two forthcoming ESB conferences of importance are the 1991 conference to be held in Chester, UK (convened by Professor D. F. Williams) and the 4th World Biomaterials Congress in 1992 (convened by Professor U. Gross).

There are several categories of membership. The main category is the *active* or *full member*. Younger scientists, especially students, under the age of 30 may apply for *junior membership*, while those who have retired from active professional life may be *senior members*. In addition, there are two categories of group membership. *Laboratory membership* is available for groups of scientists working together in an institute/laboratory, while *corporate membership* is available for commercial organisations.

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