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WELCOME TO THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS



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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all attendees of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society For Biomaterials! The theme for our meeting, "A Biomaterials Revolution," is both a nod to the historical significance of our host city, and a recognition of the revolutionary contributions our Society has made to medicine.

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 large number of abstract submissions (~950), consisting of Symposia, General Sessions, Workshops, Panel Discussions, Poster Sessions, and Tutorials. These program elements, as well the abundant opportunities for informal discussions and interactions with colleagues that will take place here in Boston, will serve to identify exciting new opportunities and mechanisms for the biomaterials science, engineering, and industry communities to improve human health.

I would like to thank the many colleagues who contributed their time and efforts to organize this meeting, especially the members of the Program Committee: Natalie Artzi, Joel Bumgardner, Andy Doraiswamy, Peter G. Edelman, Lisa Friis, Lynne C. Jones, Alan S. Litsky, Joo Ong, Jeffrey L. Schwartz, Guigen Zhang, and Nicholas P. Ziats. Their efforts have resulted in an exciting scientific program for our 2013 meeting. I am grateful to the numerous organizers who created the sessions, symposia, workshops, panels, and tutorials, as well as to the abstract reviewers. Special thanks go to all of our hardworking SFB staff members, particularly Dan Lemyre, Leslie Clark, Rebecca Riedesel, Ann Mitchell, Caitlin Mariano, and Danielle Smith who worked tirelessly to make this meeting a success. And finally, we are particularly grateful to our generous sponsors and exhibitors; we encourage you to visit and meet the exhibitors in the exhibit hall.

Again, welcome, and I hope that you find the 2013 Meeting of the Society for Biomaterials productive and enjoyable!

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