



CBS 2021

Translational Biomaterials and Beyond

Dear CBS2021 attendees,

Welcome to the 36th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Biomaterials Society! Thank you for helping to make this meeting a success.

It has been a challenging year, but we have persevered in order to deliver this year's meeting - our first virtual meeting. I am excited to see this meeting come to fruition with an exceptional list of plenary and invited speakers, scientific sessions and symposia.

Our theme is "Translational Biomaterials and Beyond" and I think you will agree that we are delivering some outstanding content. The content that reaches from translation and commercialization, hydrogels, and mucosal barriers, to topics outside of our usual biomaterials box, like mechanics of biomaterials and tissues, bio-inspired materials, and the application of artificial intelligence to the design of novel multi-scale materials. Our fifteen scientific sessions, six symposia and two poster sessions represent the most recent and exciting work in the field of biomaterials *and beyond*. Canada continues to be a global leader in biomaterials science and engineering!

Thank you to everyone who has made important contributions toward this meeting, including the members of the organizing committee, the operations committee, the abstract reviewers, the presentation judges, our student volunteers, and the University of Waterloo. Thank you also to our ten sponsors, especially our Gold sponsor Elsevier Materials Today for also sponsoring our **Biomaterials** Best Overall Presentation Award, and McMaster University for enabling access to their Hopin virtual venue. Please be sure to visit the sponsor booths in the Posters & Sponsors section of the virtual conference venue.

As a final note, this meeting will be what we make of it, so please do engage. We have a great line up of speakers, and I know they want to meet you and chat with you. Use the Chat, Q&A, Twitter and Direct Messaging functions. Try the Networking functionality. It should be fun!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and inspiring time while attending this year's event.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the 36th Annual Meeting and President-Elect of the Canadian Biomaterials Society