

## ***Application letter – Silvia Farè***

Since my first year of PhD, in 1995 in Porto, I always participated to National and International conferences on biomaterials and I have been always fascinated by the scientific level of the conferences and by the friendly atmosphere that allowed me to contact other researchers. I often started new collaborations with other delegates coming from different European and extra-EU countries. For this reason, I started getting involved in the Italian Society for Biomaterials (SIB), and since 1999 I start as member of the SIB Council till 2017 when I was elected as President of the Society. This appointment represented a great opportunity for me to contribute to the development of our national Society and in the last years also at European level. Italian research community is very active in the biomaterials field, and in the last years mostly of the Italian community is focused on TERM applications including the development of innovative biomaterials, new technological approaches, modelling as demonstrated by the high participation to the SIB annual congress, and to the many Italian groups involved in European project (included ERC). As last result, last year the Italian biomaterials community (represented by Gianluca Ciardelli and myself) was selected for the organization of the ESB congress in 2025. In 2017 I started my adventure in the ESB Council and this experience is increasing my enthusiasm for biomaterials science and the possible interaction with other researchers and I hope also in contributing to the organization of activities with the National Societies, as I was in charge and Affiliated Societies Officer, and now I am the treasurer of the ESB.

For all these reasons, I decided to run for the ISBF Council, and I really believe it would be a great experience for me to continue in contributing to the organization and management of ISBF. I would like to go on trying to share my experience and ideas, to contribute to the further development of ISBF, also thanks to my experience as ESB treasurer and SIB President. I also identify the important role of ISBF to support and, possibly, to guide the European Commission to include our research topics (e.g., TERM applications) in the next European research programs. This, as well as many other actions, will surely contribute to the growth of ISBF.

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