



Earlybird registration ends 19<sup>th</sup> May, all registrations close 6<sup>th</sup> June.

# UK SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

**VENUE: Ulster University, Belfast.**

### INVITATION

On behalf of the UK Society for Biomaterials, the local organising committee cordially invites you to attend the UKSB Annual Conference on the 20th and 21st June 2023 at Ulster University, Belfast. This important national meeting is held every year to provide a forum for those working in the field of biomaterials (academia, industry and clinicians) to meet, discuss ideas, build new collaborations or consolidate those that already exist. This year the meeting is being hosted by the School of Engineering from Ulster University and hopes to attract delegates from across the UK and beyond. The UKSB network is very welcoming of new people, and as such the annual conference is organised to give maximum support for developing students and early career researchers who are engaging in biomaterials research. This area is very diverse, so we will encounter work across the full spectrum, from materials and surface science, polymer and ceramics chemistry, to tissue engineering and medical device manufacture and regulation. Registration Link: [#UKSB2023 – UKSB](#)

### CONFERENCE VENUE AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Ulster University is located beside the vibrant Cathedral Quarter in Belfast, which offers a range of hotels to suit all budgets, along with a wide selection of restaurants and bars. In addition to this, you are right beside the main shopping area within Belfast, with easy access to both airports via public transport or taxi. The conference dinner will be held in the Europa Hotel, located in Belfast City Centre. Europa Hotel: <https://www.europahotelbelfast.com/>

### PRIZE WINNERS AND INVITED SPEAKERS 2023

#### Prize Winners:

Larry Hench Young Investigators Award: Dr Caroline Taylor, University of Sheffield

Presidents Prize: Prof Liam Grover, University of Birmingham

Alan Wilson Memorial Prize: Prof Michele Barbour, University of Bristol.

#### Invited Speakers

Prof Kristīne Šalma-Ancāne, Riga Technical University, Latvia.

Prof Chaozong Liu, University College London, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore.

Dr Pamela Walsh, Queen's University Belfast

Dr Krzysztof Rodzen, Ulster University, Belfast.

### ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL DETAILS

Details on travelling to Belfast and a useful list of hotels and travel links can be found on the UKSB website: [www.uksb.org.uk](http://www.uksb.org.uk) Click on the Events Link at the top of the page.

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## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the best postgraduate poster, rapid-fire and oral presentations along with the Presidents Prize, the Alan Wilson Memorial Prize and the Larry Hench Young Investigators Award. The Presidents Prize aims to recognise outstanding contributions to the UK Biomaterials field. The Alan Wilson Memorial Prize recognises an individual researcher who has contributed significantly to the field of biomaterials science in dentistry (including maxillo-facial repair). The Larry Hench Young Investigators Award is given to a promising young research scientist in recognition of outstanding and innovative contributions in a selected field of biomaterials research, and in remembrance of such a key figure of this field, Prof Larry Hench (1938-2015).

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