













Advancing Biomaterials in Africa

PROGRAMME

20 — 22 September 2009







Welcome Note

Dear Conference Delegates,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 1st Biomaterials-Africa conference to be held at the CSIR South Africa, an international conference showcasing the latest technological innovations and research developments in the biomaterials field in Africa as well as to present the latest global trends.

Biomaterials-Africa has drawn participants from at least twenty one countries, including Australia, Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Iran, India, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Nigeria, Poland, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

The conference will comprise of three plenary lectures from world renowned scientists, seven keynote addresses, eighteen oral and at least twenty five poster presentations. Scientific papers are presented in six theme areas, Biomaterials, Regenerative Tissue Engineering, Nano-Enabled Materials, Stem Cells, Medical Devices as well as Drug Delivery.

We would like to encourage you to take advantage of the conference's high technical standard and to use the opportunity to exchange knowledge and ideas.

On behalf of the organising committee, we express gratitude to the sponsors, the support organisations, the scientific review panel and the Biomaterials Association of South Africa (BioMatASA) for their commitment and hard

work in contributing towards the success of this conference. We also acknowledge TERMIS (www.termis.org) and the Biomaterials Network (www.biomat.net) for endorsing the conference.

We sincerely hope that you enjoy your stay in the beautiful and hospitable city of Pretoria, commonly known as the "Jacaranda City".

Yours faithfully,

Prof Ugo Ripamonti

Conference Scientific Chair Professor and Director: Bone Research Laboratory MRC/University of the Witwatersrand South Africa



Technology University of Johannesburg South Africa

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Conference Organisation Chair Research Group Leader: Biomaterials Polymers and Composites, CSIR South Africa







General Information

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The abstracts of the Biomaterials-Africa 2009 will be published online in a supplement of European Cells and Materials (ECM) journal. The ECM journal has in the region of 5000 registered users.

ECM provides an international and interdisciplinary forum for publication and discussion for researchers in the following fields: Assessment of materials for biomedical use & interaction with tissues/ cells /bacteria; Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine; Structure, function, biology of bone, teeth, cartilage, intervertebral disks & other related connective tissues; Stem and Progenitor Cells.

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Gala Dinner: Moyo, 1 Prince of Wales Drive, Zoo Lake Park, Johannesburg. Tel: 011 646 0058

Amongst green grass, tall pine trees and a tranquil lake, moyo: soul or spirit in Swahili is the unique destination for our Conference Gala Dinner. It is a sophisticated African restaurant experience, inspired by the traditions and values of our ancestors.

Moyo, Zoo Lake, captures the spirit of Africa with its magical landscape,

face painters & performing artists. The convergence of pan-African talent & artistry all contribute towards the relaxing vibe of the evening.



We will be welcomed by "Nyenge and Friends", she sings & plays the Mbira/thumb piano, an African instrument, playing a fusion of popular cover songs and traditional African folk music as well as her own compositions, which are very soulful & sung in English & Shona. Nyenge is accompanied by guitar, keyboard, drums & bass guitar, a gifted performer whose music is an eclectic pan-African mix.

Bus to depart from CSIR ICC:

A bus service will be provided for delegates. The bus will leave the CSIR ICC at 17:30. The bus will return from Moyo to the CSIR ICC at 22:00.

Directions to Moyo, Zoo Lake

From Pretoria:

- » Take the N1 South (direction Johannesburg).
- » At the Buccleugh interchange, continue straight, via the M1 to Johannesburg.
- » Continue past the following off-ramps: Woodmead, Marlboro, Grayston, Corlett and Athol-Oaklands.
- » Take the next off-ramp, namely Glenhove.
- » Where the off-ramp meets Glenhove Dr, turn right onto the bridge, passing over the highway and continue with Glenhove Dr.
- Glenhove Dr crosses Oxford Rd (first traffic light after the bridge) at which point Glenhove Dr changes into Bolton.
- » Continue with Bolton until it crosses Jan Smuts (third traffic light after the Oxford crossing).
- Turn left into Jan Smuts. Continue with Jan Smuts until you see the Zoo Lake and Moyo signs.
- » Turn right into Westwold until you get Prince of Wales (2nd street on your left), turn left into Prince of Wales and follow the road to Moyo Zoo Lake.
- Note: If you miss the Jan Smuts crossing, you can take either Torquay or Glamorgan (1st and 2nd roads after Jan Smuts - end with a T-junction in Westwold).
- » If you miss the Jan Smuts/Westwold crossing, you can continue with Jan Smuts to Northwold, the next Westwold junction or Playfair or Lower Park and take the scenic route around Zoo Park.



Biomaterials-Africa 2009 Conference

Sunday 20 September 2009

14:00 Registration

16:00 Welcome and Opening Ceremony – Prof Ugo Ripamonti

16:30 Cocktail Function (Cash Bar Available)

Plenary Speakers: 45 minutes + 10 minutes questions Keynote Speakers: 25 minutes + 5 minutes questions

Oral: 15 minutes + 5 minutes questions

DAY 1 Monday 21 September 2009

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Time	PROGRAMME			
07:00 - 08:30	Late registration / Morning tea/coffee			
BIOMATERIALS Chairperson: Dr Sean Moolman				
08:30 – 09:25	Plenary Speaker - Prof Shuguang Zhang Designer Self-assembling Peptide Biological Materials S Zhang			
09:25 – 09:55	Keynote address – Dr Hala Zreiqat Ceramics modification for use in skeletal tissue regeneration H Zreiqat			
09:55 – 10:15	Dr Claudia Eder Rapid assessment of biomaterials: The HET-CAN assay as screening tool for biomedical tissue engineering C Eder, E Falkner, A Slawik, M Mickel, A Tuschel, M Ogon			
10:15 – 10:35	Ms Malgorzata Gonsior Thrombogenicity of Ti(N,C,O) diffusive coating layers developed on Titanium Alloy as the blood contact surface M Gonsior, T Borowski, E Czarnowska, M Sanak, R Kustosz, M Ossowski, T Wierzchon			
10:35 – 11:00	Conference Group Photograph – please gather on the front steps of the CSIR ICC Tea/coffee break			
DRUG DELIVERY Chairperson: Ms Avashnee Chetty				
11:00 – 11:20	Ms Njabuliso Dlamini Synthesis and characterization of bisphosphonate conjugated carbon nanomaterials as potential treatment of secondary bone cancer NL Dlamini, XY Mbianda, Z Szucs, J Zeervaart			

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11:20 – 11:40	Dr Andre Germishuizen Establishing a platform for spray drying inhalable vaccines in South Africa WA Germishuizen, L Venter, A Khosa, F Mudau, M Kabadi, A Schiermeier, DA Edwards, PB Fourie			
11:40 – 12:00	Prof Dhanjay Jhurry Novel self-assembled block copolymers for drug delivery D Jhurry, A Bhaw-Luximon, V Lochee, B Ancharaz, A Veeren, R Jeetah			
12:00 – 12:40	Poster session			
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch			
REGENERATIVE TISSUE ENGINEERING & NANO-ENABLED MATERIALS Chairperson: Dr Hala Zreiqat				
13:40 – 14:35	Plenary Speaker - Prof Tatsuya Shimizu Cell sheet engineering for myocardial tissue repair T Shimizu			
14:35 – 15:05	Keynote address – Prof Ugo Ripamonti Self-inducing geometric cues and bone: Formation by autoinduction U Ripamonti			
15:05 – 15:25	Ms Valencia Jacobs Electrospun chitosan nanofibre membranes for antimicrobial application: Role of electrospinning processing parameters V Jacobs, A Patanaik, RD Anandjiwala			
15:25 – 15:45	Tea/coffee break			
	REGENERATIVE TISSUE ENGINEERING & NANO-ENABLED MATERIALS Chairperson: Prof Rui Krause			
15:45 – 16:05	Prof Mohammad Ramezani Peptide modified polyethylenimine as vector for gene delivery M Ramezani, H Parhiz, A Hatefi			
16:05 – 16:25	Ms Silvie Rimpelova Adhesion and growth of fibroblasts on artificial materials for tissue engineering S Rimpelova, N Kasalkova, V Svorcik, T Ruml			
16:25 – 16:45				
17:30	Gala Dinner – Moyo, Zoo Lake. The bus will depart from the CSIR ICC. Dress: Smart Casual Cash Bar Available			
18:30 – 22:00	Best Poster Presentation			



DAY 2 Tuesday 22 September 2009

Time	PROGRAMME			
07:30 - 08:30	Morning tea/coffee			
BIOMATERIALS Chairperson: Dr Deon Bezuidenhout				
08:30 – 09:25	Plenary Speaker – Prof Ugo Ripamonti Smart biomimetic matrices induce bone formation without the exogenous applications of soluble osteogenic molecular signals U Ripamonti, B van den Heever, LF Renton, PW Richter, L Kotzé			
09:25 – 09:55	Keynote address – Mrs Naseem Theilgaard Functional Orthopedic Devices to Tissue Engineering and Regeneration. N Theilgaard			
09:55 – 10:15	Dr David Reid Kidney stone composition by solid state NMR (SSNMR) DG Reid, MJ Duer, G Jackson			
10:15 – 10:35	Dr Christiane Wetzel Improvement of cell-adhesion in the medical-surface boundary layer C Wetzel, N Ozkucur, J Schönfelder, TK Monsees, RHW Funk			
10:35 – 11:00	Tea/coffee break			
BIOMATERIALS Chairperson: Dr John Ramshaw				
11:00 – 11:30	Keynote address – Prof Mona Marei Bone engineering around laser grooved / RGD -Coated Titanium Surfaces MK Marei, MM Saad, RM El-Backly, MA. AlKhodary, RA Bly, DJ Cohen, J Chen, MM Fata, WO Soboyejo, M Nageeb, A Rashad, DK Ahmed, RH Abd El-Aty, SY El-Sonbaty			
11:30 – 12:00	Keynote address – Prof William Murphy Title to be announced			
12:00 – 12:20	Prof M Jurczyk Hybrid Ti-ceramic bionanomaterials for dental engineering M Jurczyk, K Jurczyk, K Niespodziana, A Miklaszewski			
12:20 – 12:40	Prof Jaroslaw Jakubowicz Deposition and properties of Hydroxyapatite on flat and porous Ti J Jakubowicz			

DAY 2 Tuesday 22 September 2009

12:40 – 13:35	Lunch/Posters			
BIOMATERIALS Chairperson: Prof Mona Marei				
13:35 – 14:05	Keynote address – Dr John Ramshaw Photochemically crosslinked proteins as new medical materials CM Elvin, AG Brownlee, SJ Danon, GA Edwards, NE Liyou, JAM Ramshaw, L Sando, T Vuocolo, JA Werkmeister			
14:05 – 14:25	Dr Selvan Govendar A surfactant based approach to multi-functional, biocompatible polymer development S Govender, P Swart			
14:25 – 14:45	Dr John Mmari Onyari Properties of Biopolymers containing Polyvinyl alcohol, Lactic acid and Poly (ethylene glycol) J Onyari			
14:45 – 15:00	Tea/coffee break			
STEM CELLS AND MEDICAL DEVICES Chairperson: Prof Ugo Ripamonti				
15:00 – 15:20	Prof Heidi Abrahamse Low intensity laser irradiation stimulates adipose derived stem cell viability and proliferation: Implications for autologous grafts H Abrahamse			
15:20 – 15:40	Dr Deon Bezuidenhout Correlation of crosslink density with calcification of diamine-extended glutaraldehyde-fixed bioprosthetic heart-valve materials D Bezuidenhout, A Oosthuysen, P Human, C Weissenstein, P Zilla			
15:40 – 16:00	Dr Suretha Potgieter Microfluidic devices for biological applications S Potgieter, K Land, L Kotzé, R Sparrow			
16:00 – 16:30	Closing ceremony – Prof Rui Krause			



Poster Presentations

Posters will be on display in the conference foyer, from 20 - 22 September. The poster session will be held on Monday 21 September from 12:00 – 12:40. Presenting authors are kindly requested to be present at their poster to answer questions during this time. The best poster will be announced at the gala diner on Monday, 21 September.

Poster Number	Abstract Number	Title and Authors
1	5	Three Dimensional Finite Element Modeling of Human Skull in response to external loads YF AL-Obaid
2	11	Glycosaminoglycans and lipids in vascular calcification: new insights into mineralogenesis from NMR spectroscopy MJ Duer, MS Ironside, DG Reid, M Schoppet, CM Shanahan
3	13	Biocompatible polymers for metal chelation and protein binding S Govender, WJ Przybylowicz, P Swart
4	14	Liposomes as a drug delivery system in photodynamic therapy for colon cancer treatment K Maduray, AE Karsten
5	15	Biocompatibility of Dendrispheres S Garny, I Gerber, J Jordaan
6	18	Calcium phosphate mineralization in phosphatic brachiopods, and vertebrates DG Reid, MT Neary, MJ Mason, T Friščić, MJ Duer, M Cusack
7	21	Synthesis of Bio-based Polyester from Sorghum derived 1, 3 – Propanediol CM Obele, OO Ogbobe
8	22	Synthesis of 1, 3 – Propanediol from Sorghum CM Obele, OO Ogbobe
9	24	Determination of the Optical Properties of Rat Tissue A Singh, AE Karsten, RM Smith, G van Niekerk
10	33	Optical Coherence Tomography as a Research Tool for Biomaterials AE Karsten, A Singh, I Ndhundhuma
11	36	Ca/Al Layered Double Hydroxides Hydrothermally Modified for Biomaterials Applications MS Azimi, ZT Birgani, A Darvish, SS Shafiei, MS Hashjin
12	37	Application of Low Level Laser on skin cell lines IM Ndhundhuma

Poster Number	Abstract Number	Title and Authors
13	41	Simple Drug Delivery System Based on PRP and PCL Nanofibres R Jakubová, A Míčková, M Buzgo, M Plencner, E Prosecká, E Filová, E Amler
14	46	Contact angle studies on PDMS surfaces fouled by bovine serum albumin VT Windvoel, MB Mbanjwa, K Land
15	47	Novel injectablebioglass/chitosan composite for bone substitute materials P Khoshakhlagh, R Ravarian, F Moztarzadeh, R Moradi, SM Rabiee, P Heydari, MS Azimi
16	49	Synthesis of silicon carbide nanowires from a hybrid of amorphous biopolymer and sol-gel derived silica AK Mishra, SB Mishra, BB Mamba, RW Krause
17	51	Phantom Skin Absorption Coefficients from Spectrophotometric and Integrating Sphere Methods: Preliminary Comparative Results JE Smit, A Singh, I Tshoke, AF Grobler, RW Sparrow
18	53	Synthesis and characterisation of various polymer composites for applications in water purification GD Vilakati, ST Mthombo, AK Mishra, SB Mishra, BB Mamba
19	54	Preliminary investigation into the use of cyclodextrin-carbon nanotube polymers for drug delivery R Krause
20	56	Comparison of Osteoinduction in Biphasic Hydroxyapatite implanted in Two Different Animal Models LF Renton, RB Parak, PW Richter, L Kotzé, U Ripamonti
21	61	Determining the applicability of the SphereZymes® Immobilised Protease for the biocatalysis of Protein LG Molawa, D Brady, J Jordaan
22	64	Scaled Manufacture of Self-immobilised Pseudomonas fluorescens Lipase Using the SphereZymes™ Technology K Mathiba, D Brady, B Petja, C Simpson, J Jordaan, FS Moolman, RD Gordon
23	66	Optimisation of anti-tuberculosis drugs loaded –PLG nanoparticles L Kalombo
24	69	Biomimetism, Smart Biomimetic Matrices and the Induction of Bone Formation U Ripamonti, LF Renton, R Parak, L Kotzé, PW Richter
25	16	Targeted Plasmid DNA Delivery by Galactosylated Alkyl-Oligoamine Derivatives of PEI A Dehshahri, RK Oskuee, WT Shier, M Ramezani

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