

To: ISBF Executive Team
Subject: Candidacy for ISBF Board member position



Dear ISBF Executive Team,

I'm Carmelo De Maria, associate professor in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Pisa, in Italy. I'm honored to propose my candidature for the ISBF Board member position, running for the two positions reserved to Europe.

I've been a member of the society since 2009, when I participated as 1st year PhD Student in the ISBF conference in Bordeaux, France. From that time, I've nurtured my interest in the field, also stimulated by many ISBF members, such as prof. Thomas Boland, a pioneer in the field (I've been hosted in his lab in El Paso for one year) or prof. Giovanni Vozzi, my PhD Supervisor.

Papers, projects but also teaching activities on Biofabrication in curricular courses and summer schools have been pacing my career, valorized also by the ISBF Young Investigator Award in 2016, awarded in Winston Salem (USA, NC).

I've served the society as member of the Award and Membership committees, and I've tried to promote young members activities since the ISBF conference held in 2014 in Pohang, South Korea. Finally, I was the program chair of the last ISBF conference held in Italy, in 2022.

As member of the ISBF Board, I can bring some peculiar experience and expertise, for supporting our members and promoting the impact of ISBF on the civil society:

- expertise in regulation on Medical Devices and Advanced Therapies medicinal product, especially for the EU market, due to curricular courses together with Law department and EU Jean Monnet Projects focused on health law and biotechnology innovations.
- experience in technology transfer, being the founder of Bio3DPrinting, a spin-off company of the University of Pisa;
- experience in sharing open educational resources, through digital platform,
- sensibility on new trends such as sustainable (bio-)materials and 4D (bio-)printing,
- experience in organizing ISBF conference, both for scientific and logistic point of view,
- research contacts with underrepresented territories such as Africa, for promoting the inclusive growth of our society.

With the hope to encounter the support of ISBF members,

Your sincerely,


Carmelo De Maria