

# Become a Part of SIBF

## Explore Creative Solutions to Technical Challenges



I attended my first Biointerface, the Surfaces in Biomaterials Foundation (SIBF) annual conference, in 2010 as a graduate student. I found the Biointerface attendees to be open and welcoming. The small size allows you to access literally everyone, and everyone is willing to just sit and chat. Because it was such a comfortable setting, I was able to connect with research collaborators and begin lasting relationships with many I may never have met at some of the larger conferences. Since my first conference in 2010, I have presented posters, given podium presentations, and chaired and planned technical sessions. This year, I am serving on the board as President of SIBF. The ideas shared at Biointerface are on the leading edge of scientific discovery and attendance is a great way to keep informed of current challenges and problem solving throughout the biomaterials and medical device arena. Through SIBF I have develop networking, teambuilding, and learning skills that will continue to help with my growth in industry. SIBF offers many opportunities for you get in involved.

—**Robert Diller, Amnio Technology**

The Surfaces in Biomaterials Foundation brings together a group of passionate individuals focused on developing new technologies in the surface biomedical community. As a raw material supplier it's important we stay active in the community to be at the forefront of new materials, ideas and products. Every year the foundation connects science leaders together for three days to share breakthrough ideas with multiple networking opportunities. As a member we have an opportunity to shape the BioInterface annual conference sessions by providing input on topics and speakers. There are also opportunities to communicate with key board members daily to develop the vision for the foundation. For the BioInterface conference in Portland this year I'm excited to support the foundation with 2020 planning and look forward to a successful event! —**Courtney Kay, Elkem**



My first SIBF workshop and symposium experience transformed my understanding and aspirations for industry collaborations and truly highlighted the power of bringing together technical experts with a passion for transparent communication and intense problem solving. SIBF is a passionate collection of fantastic engineers, experts, scientists and deep thinkers dedicated to changing the biomedical field. I am constantly learning, laughing and growing my network of friends and colleagues through my participation with SIBF.

—**Angela DiCiccio, Verily Life Sciences**

Hello friends! I am a Principal Scientist at Medtronic Corporate in the Microscopy and Surface Analysis Group specializing in surface and interface analysis of materials. I attended my first BioInterface Symposium in 2011 and immediately enjoyed the smaller, more intimate setting that encouraged interaction between attendees, presenters, and exhibitors. Since then, I became an active member and held various leadership roles including chairing technical sessions and board positions (Treasurer, President). The industry focused topics are directly relevant to my career and offers a fun and exciting way to stay informed of new technologies and current challenges in the medical device industry. SIBF offers many opportunities for eager and energetic individuals. Please contact me or Ingrid for more information. We look forward to hearing from you! —**Bill Theilacker, Medtronic Corporate**



I was invited by a colleague to attend my very first Bio Interface a few years ago. I discovered that it had a lot to offer for personal growth, learning and was beneficial for the business, relationships as well. Surfaces in Biomaterials Foundation members and attendees represent a good balance of academic, industry research excellence with consistent participation from regulatory experts.

The annual Bio Interface Conference covers current industry topics of interest such as advances in wearables, 3D printing and drug delivery devices among several others. Due to its intimate set up and great agenda setting Conference provides excellent networking opportunities. Participating in various committees and the Foundation board helps develop leadership and team building skills.

—**Chander Chawla, DSM**