

## Edinburgh 2017 congress

Dear Representatives of National Biophysical Societies,

As you may already know, it is our privilege and great pleasure to organize the joint 19th IUPAB (Intl. Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics) and 11th EBSA (European Biophysical Societies' Association) Congress to be held in Edinburgh (Scotland, UK) at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre from 16-20 July 2017. The congress is jointly hosted by the British Biophysical Society and the Biological Physics Group of the Institute of Physics (IoP).

National biophysical societies[AJT1] played an important part in ensuring that the IUPAB 2014 Brisbane and EBSA 2015 Dresden congresses had a good international mix of speakers, plenary speakers and participants. 52 different countries were represented amongst the 1350 participants in Dresden in 2015, for example. We are now seeking your input and help again, specifically to help session chairs with nominations of **invited speakers**. Please consult the congress web-site at <http://www.iupab2017.org>, especially the "Programme" where all the sessions and titles are displayed (and below). Each session will include three invited talks followed by short oral presentations selected from poster submissions. We would particularly welcome nominations of active scientists from your country. Session chairs (one UK and one non-UK) will be asked to consider both geographic balance and equality issues, as well as scientific excellence, when making their selections. We would like this information before **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**, on the attached EXCEL spread sheet, if at all possible, please.

### Student travel bursaries

As for previous congresses, there will be around 100 students travel bursaries to support scientist from around the world, in particular from less well developed countries where resources for science are limited. We expect that competition for these bursaries will be intense, so please advise applicants to apply early (by the end of 2016).

### Medals and Awards

Nominations are being sought for the:

- EBSA Young Investigator Medal and Award (€2000)
- Avanti/EBSA medal and Award (€3000)

The closing date for nominations is December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 - please see [www.ebsa.org](http://www.ebsa.org) for details. The winners will be invited to present plenary lectures at the congress, with travel and other costs paid.

### Participation

We expect a large number of participants at this major biophysics congress in such an attractive venue. We would like you to encourage members of your society to participate. Please do advertise this congress to all your society's members, and as widely as possible. Registration will open in the Autumn of 2016.

We very much hope you will be able to help us to make this event a successful and memorable congress for all participants.

Thank you very much in advance.

Yours sincerely,

