

European Biophysical Societies' Association

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Dear EBSA Presidents and Secretaries,

The next EBSA Congress (<https://www.ebsa2021.org/>) will be held in Vienna from 24 – 28 July 2021. It is planned to hold the Congress as a live event at the Austria Center Vienna. However, if there are still any restrictions next summer due to Covid-19, contingency plans are in place to hold the Congress as a hybrid event. Under any circumstance the Congress is going ahead, and plans are being developed for every scenario.

Student Bursaries are available to attend the Congress: <http://ebsa.org/portal/bursaries>

Can I remind you that EBSA invites all Member Societies to nominate candidates for the *EBSA Young Investigators' Medal and Prize*, to be awarded at the EBSA Congress. The winner of the Prize receives €2,000 and a medal, and will present a lecture at the Congress, as well as be expected to contribute an article to the European Biophysics Journal (either a review or original article). Nominations (at most 2 pages long) by the National Societies (**only one nomination from any society**) should be sent to the EBSA Secretary, Prof. John Seddon (j.seddon@imperial.ac.uk) before **31 December 2020**. The procedure for the nomination is described on the EBSA webpage: <http://ebsa.org/portal/prize-and-medal/>

EBSA also invites individual nominations for the Avanti Polar Lipids / EBSA Award, which will be presented at the EBSA Congress in 2021 to an investigator for outstanding contributions to our understanding of lipid biophysics. The winner receives a Prize of US\$ 3,000, and will present a lecture at the Congress. Additionally, a review article for the European Biophysics Journal is desired, submitted within 3 months of the award being made known to the recipient. The nominee must be a member of an EBSA adherent member Society that is in good standing. The nomination packet, in PDF format, should be emailed by the nominator to the EBSA President, Prof. Jesus Perez-Gil (jperezgil@bio.ucm.es) before **31 December 2020**. The procedure for the nomination is described on the EBSA webpage: <http://ebsa.org/portal/prize-and-medal/>

Can you please remind your Societies' members of these two awards, and of the deadlines?

I would also like to inform you about the following two meetings which will take place during the EBSA Congress in Vienna:

EBSA National Societies' Presidents meeting. A sandwich lunch will be provided. National Societies' Secretaries are also welcome to attend. *Time, date and location to be confirmed.*

EBSA General Assembly. An Agenda will be circulated not later than 2 months before the Congress. *Time, date and location to be confirmed.*

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We invite nominations for members of the EBSA Executive Committee, which should be sent to the EBSA Secretary Prof. John Seddon (j.seddon@imperial.ac.uk) by no later than 24th June 2021. Election will be by secret ballot, held at the EBSA General Assembly.

Best wishes,



John Seddon (EBSA Secretary).
