

**2023/2024 Division & Class Report  
to the  
ACerS Board of Directors**

Division/Class: **Bioceramics (BIO)**

Current Division/Class Officers: (complete as appropriate for your Division or Class)

Chair: **Kalpana Katti**  
Chair-Elect: **Annabel Braem**  
Vice-chair: **Hrishikesh Kamat**  
Secretary: **Ashutosh Dubey**  
Secretary-Elect:  
Board of Directors Liaison: **Sanjay Mathur**  
PCSA Representative: **Priya Kushram**  
YPN +1 Representative: **Sadaf Batool**  
D&I Subcommittee Representative:

Incoming Division Officers:

Division Officers who will start their terms at the ACerS Annual Meeting, October 2024 (MS&T):

Chair: **Annabel Braem**  
Chair-Elect: **Hrishikesh Kamat**  
Vice-chair: **Ashutosh Dubey**  
Secretary: **Anamika Prasad**  
Secretary-Elect:

Summary of Meetings and Activities Held/To Be Held (from Oct. 2023 through Oct. 2024):

**Divisional activities**

- YouTube video contest for students, January 2024
- Support for student divisional memberships
- Webinar "Women in Bioceramics", March 2024
- Specific session at MS&T 2024 for invited talks by divisional awardees, October 2024
  - Bioceramics Young Scholar Award: Nicolas Somers, University of Liège, Belgium
  - Global Young Bioceramicist Award: /
  - Larry L. Hench Lifetime Achievement Award: Aldo Boccaccini, Friedrich-Alexander Universität, Germany
  - Tadashi Kukubo award: Qiang Fu, Corning Incorporated, USA
- Review of divisional awards regulations

**International outreach activities**

- 4th Global Ceramic Leadership Roundtable CerAP2024, IIT Roorkee, India, March 2024
- Students' Travel grants to attend MS&T 2024 conference, USA

Future Planned Meetings/Activities (from Nov. 2024– October 2025):

- YouTube video contest for students, January 2025
- Support for student divisional memberships
- Webinar “Women in Bioceramics”, March, 2025
- Joint workshop with ECerS Bioceramics Network
- ‘Bioceramics Industry Conclave, online, July 2025
- Representation at the Bioceramics session in Euromat 2025, Granada, Spain
- Students’ travel grants to attend MS&T 2025 conference, USA
- Specific session at MS&T 2025 for invited talks by divisional awardees

New Initiatives/Opportunities:

- Representation of the Bioceramics division in the new ACerS Spring meeting 2026 initiative
- Award nominations remain valid for 3 years (given that career stage/age restrictions are met)

What action has the Division taken to address diversity and inclusion (award and officer nominations, invited speakers, etc.)?

- With the Bioceramics division, we have organized a webinar on “Women in Bioceramics” with 4 panelists at different career stages discussing their career choices and the trials and tribulations that led to their position of large contributions to (bioceramic) science.
- Our leadership team has equal participation of both genders and a broad demographic

Action Items for ACerS Board Consideration at the October 5, 2024 meeting:

- Archive for award applications

Issues/Concerns:

- We need to promote our divisional awards (more nominations) widely in the Biomaterials community, through the networks of leadership team, as many active biomaterials researchers may not be current ACerS members.
- We need to enhance membership of our division across the globe

Additional Items of Note: /

Financial Statement: (Including year-end summary of expenditures from the Division's Funds)

Division Liaison will attach

Submitted By: Kalpana Katti, Chair