

Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence

Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence (BBCE) project's main objective is to establish a joint Centre for development of advanced biomaterials based on the long-term strategic cooperation between AO Research Institute Davos, Switzerland (ARI), Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany (FAU) on the one hand and Riga Technical University Rudolfs Cimdins Riga Biomaterials Innovations and Development Centre (RTU RBIDC), Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis (LIOS), Riga Stradins University (RSU) and RSU Institute of Stomatology on the other hand.

Creating a perfect business plan



August was a very successful month, as we got support to build up the Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence from several associations. Thank you: Latvian Medical Association; Association of the Latvian Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industry; CLEANTECH LATVIA; Baltic Association for Maxillofacial and Plastic Surgery; Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry!

With you by our side it will be a lot easier to obtain national and EU funding!



Creating the BBCE Roadmap!

All partners joined for several meetings to ensure that BBCE has a Roadmap for implementation steps and main deliverables for next 7 years.

BBCE Advisory Board meeting

BBCE Advisory Board meeting on 13th of June 2018 in Riga was as part of the BBCE Business plan development.

The main tasks of the External Advisory Board were to provide an international perspective and to highlight critical points/suggestions for the development of the BBCE without being part of it. Advisory board consulted and advised the Project-Steering Committee and the whole project team in order to implement the project with maximum efficiency.



External Advisory Board was carefully selected to facilitate the excellence of BBCE, and included internationally recognized biomaterial scientists, national policy makers and industry:

- Prof. Guy Daculsi, INSERM, Universite de Nantes – internationally leading and highly cited non-partner professional in the field of biomaterials with experience in technology transfer to industry;
- Prof. DMD Serge Dibart, Boston University, School of Dental Medicine, Chair of Periodontology – internationally leading and highly cited non-partner professional in the field of biomaterials use in periodontology;
- Dr. Maija Bundule, State Education Development Agency, Head of International Research Programme Unit – national level policy maker and representative from Latvian Academy of Sciences;
- MD Luis Lasalvia, VP Strategic Business Development, Siemens –representative with industry experience;
- Florence Barrère – de Groot, PhD, Kuros Biosciences BV – Manager of Product Development with more than 15 years of global experience in bone graft products.

Brokerage events and conferences

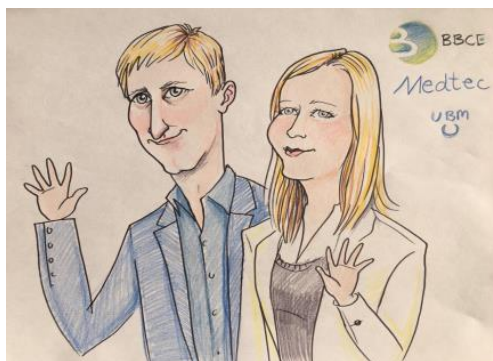
Medtec Europe 2018 exhibition

On 17-19th of April WP4 leader Dr.sc.ing. Arita Dubnika and Coordinator Dr.sc.ing. Janis Locs visited Medtec Europe 2018 exhibition.

Why Medtec?

This event brings together over 6,000 medical technology professionals from 80 countries around the world. The exhibition serves not only for trading & networking, but also as a learning platform providing you with access to the latest market updates, regulatory news and innovations. Germany is a key region for the industry of medical technology, and it has state-of-the-art technology and devices on the market.

After full 3 days, we have new collaborations with companies and research centres all around Europe.



11th Annual Meeting of Scandinavian Society for Biomaterials (ScSB)

BBCE coordinator presented idea of BBCE and its future at the 11th Annual Meeting of Scandinavian Society for Biomaterials (ScSB).

BBCE coordinator discussed further cooperation with ScSB president Ólafur Eysteinn Sigurjonsson!



BBCE seminars

59th Student Scientific and Technical Conference of RTU

The 2nd BBCE seminar "Baltic Biomaterials Centre of Excellence. Possibilities and challenges!" This time for students!

On the 27th of April BBCE WP2 leader Dr.sc.ing. Dagnija Loca hosted a seminar for students during the 59th Student Scientific and Technical Conference of RTU. She shared the floor with another guest lecturer Dr. Dzintars Ozols, who introduced students and new scientists to microsurgery and the science behind it. Altogether 29 students and new scientists had the possibility to find out what is BBCE and what are the opportunities in future. After the two lectures, students shared their scientific studies, presenting their results on different topics starting from calcium phosphates, drug delivery and hydrogels up to data modeling of chemical engineering processes.

IV World Congress of Latvian Scientists

The 3rd BBCE seminar "Formula of Growth" was held during the IV World Congress of Latvian Scientists on 19th of June 2018. The main audience of the final seminar "Formula of Growth" was industry representatives, entrepreneurs and policy makers together with general public that could access the congress open events. More than 750 participants from 24 countries were onsite to discuss and share ideas, as well as to find new opportunities to ensure the further growth of Latvia.



What are we looking for:

- Cooperation with other institutions
- Cooperation with industry
- New project applications
- Staff mobility and training

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