



## Society for Biomaterials and Artificial Organs SBAOI

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This society, one of the world's largest biomaterials societies was founded in 1986 by Dr. C.P. Sharma as a non-profit professional organization and was registered under the Travancore-Cochin Act XII of 1955 (act for registration of literary, scientific, and charitable societies) with the name **Society for Biomaterials and Artificial Organs - India**, (SBAOI). SBAOI is a member of the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUS-BSE) since 2003. The Society is administered by its office bearers consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents, the General Secretary, Treasurer and members of the executive committee, elected during the general body meeting of the society.



**C.P. Sharma**  
Founder

Society's website: <http://https://biomaterials.org.in/>

### President's message

As the current president of society, it is my proud privilege and honor to welcome you all to the SBAOI Newsletter. SBAOI works at the forefront of biomaterials science and technology, while providing an interdisciplinary platform to stimulate innovation and translation of biomaterials, implants, and biomedical devices. My vision is, (a) to enhance the global outreach of SBAOI particularly to nurture biomaterials activities in South Asian countries; (b) to promote diversity and inclusiveness in SBAOI activities; (c) to make SBAOI a more useful platform to young researchers and biomaterials professionals; (d) to establish stronger linkages with stakeholders, industry professionals, and clinicians.



**Bikramjit Basu**  
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### Forthcoming Activity:

**SBAOI XXVIII National Conference & next Annual General Meeting at Manipal University (Online), December 2021.**

### Condolence Message Prof. Rinti Banerjee



With a heavy heart and profound sadness, SBAOI condoles the passing away of Professor Rinti Banerjee, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Bombay (<https://www.bio.iitb.ac.in/people/faculty/banerjee-r/>). She was the Chairperson of the Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering during 2016-2019 and has been lately steering the 'Digital Health' program at IIT Bombay.

A clinician-scientist by training, she is globally known for her pioneering research in the area of Biomaterials, Nanomedicine, and Drug Delivery. She is an elected fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences and Society for Biomaterials and Artificial Organs India (SBAOI). She is also the recipient of the National Bioscience Award from the Government of India. She has contributed significantly to the advisory committees of various governmental funding agencies as well as professional societies, like SBAOI. She was in ICU for the last few weeks due to post-covid complications and succumbed to a massive heart attack on 08 July 2021.

On my personal behalf and on behalf of the SBAOI, I express my deepest condolences to the members of the bereaved family. May God gives them the strength to bear such a loss.

With deep sorrow,  
Bikramjit Basu