

## **Inaugural Meeting of Orthopaedics RIG at 2016 ORS Conference takes place in March 2016:**

With the strong support from Society for Biomaterials (SFB) and Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS), the inaugural meeting of the “Biomaterials, Bioimaging, Biomechanics, and Bioengineering in Orthopaedics” Research Interest Group (RIG) took place on March 4, 2016 at the ORS Annual Meeting in Disney. Approximately 40 people from academic, industry, and clinicians and from both SFB and ORS attended this meeting. An ORS representative presented and provided a short talk. A panel of outstanding researchers and clinicians in biomaterials, bioimaging, biomechanics, biology, industry, and clinicians was invited to serve as panelists and debated the theme of “Approaches to collaboration: Team Science.”

This panel was moderated by Bingyun Li, PhD from West Virginia University and Lynne C. Jones, PhD from Johns Hopkins University; both are members of the Orthopaedics Biomaterials SIG. The panelists included Alex Wu, MD, PhD from DePuy Synthes, Guoan Li, PhD from Massachusetts General Hospital, Hollis G. Potter, MD From Weill Cornell Medical College, Matthew Dietz, MD from West Virginia University, and Thomas Webster, PhD from Northeastern University and President of SFB.

The following important aspects of team sciences were discussed:

- Roles of individuals, commitment, and meetings in team sciences
- Importance of communications and leadership
- Expectation and deliverables
- Benefits of team sciences
- Who may get credit for the team outcomes (e.g. authorship)
- Industry perspectives
- Funding opportunities (NSF, NIH, international) for team sciences

This new ORS RIG aims to develop and strengthen collaborative research, to support young investigators, to establish international networks, to engage clinicians and industry experts, and to make this RIG an important player that will bring members of SFB and ORS together to develop advanced orthopaedic biomaterials. Anyone who is interested in joining this RIG is encouraged to email Bingyun Li, PhD ([bili@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:bili@hsc.wvu.edu)) or Tolou Shokuhfar, PhD ([tolou@uic.edu](mailto:tolou@uic.edu)); Dr. Shokuhfar from University of Illinois at Chicago has volunteered to organize the next RIG meeting. Finally, the support from SFB and ORS was acknowledged, and this event was organized by the Orthopaedic Biomaterials SIG which is chaired by Bingyun Li, PhD.

