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Appointment of Boris Vauzeilles as new President Elect



As the International Chemical Biology Society (ICBS) was celebrating its 13th Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada, October 27th-30th, it was with great excitement that we announced Dr Boris Vauzeilles as the new ICBS President-Elect. We congratulate Boris on his appointment and thank him for his willingness to serve in this important leadership role. Dr. Vauzeilles has been an active ICBS member since 2020 and helped to organize the various annual conferences and regional meetings. Boris Vauzeilles has served on the ICBS Membership, Outreach and Services Committee, for which he has been nominated as Regional Coordinator Europe and nominated for consideration several national chairs in European Countries. Boris is also a member of the ICBS Scientific Program committee and has been involved in the scientific programming of several recent ICBS meetings. Together with Clinton G. L. Veale and Arindam Talukdar he wrote a conference report on the 2021 ICBS annual conference (*ACS Chem. Biol.* 2022, 17, 728–743).

Dr. Vauzeilles was elected to the Board of Directors in 2022, and Secretary of this Board in 2023. Since then, Boris continues to dedicate his energy and engage his networks towards further strengthening the ties between ICBS and European key players in Chemical Biology, while respecting the specific domains of each of these players. As an example, the first in person meeting of the Chemical Biology Division of the French Chemical Society has been organized in Paris-Saclay in January 2024, with the combined support of SCF, ICBS, EuChemS and EFMC. He will host the next edition of the ICBS Annual Conference in Paris, in October 2025.

Dr Jonathan Baell, the current ICBS Chair, noted that “Boris brings to ICBS a wonderful international perspective and vigor. We look forward to his continued contributions to our global organization along with the ICBS leadership team. We very much look forward to Boris working closely with current ICBS President Dr Douglas Auld, until such time that Boris assumes presidency.”

“It is a great honor to be appointed as the new ICBS President-Elect to serve the Society, and my first aim will be to continue supporting the actions and visions of the current President, Douglas Auld,” Boris states. “Chemical Biology, as a discipline, is nowadays clearly established, and the ICBS has been pivotal in this consolidation. As a future President, I will promote actions further establishing ICBS as the international reference for chemical biology, and a visionary organization for its future developments. New initiatives are in the pipeline”.

Former student of the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, Boris prepared his PhD under the supervision of Prof. Pierre Sinaÿ in the Chemistry Department of this institution. He then joined Prof. Julius Rebek, Jr. at MIT (Cambridge, Massachusetts), for a post-doctoral experience. The group soon moved to the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, where Julius Rebek was promoted as Director of the *Skaggs Institute for Chemical Biology*. Boris then returned to France as a CNRS researcher (Institut de Chimie Moléculaire et des Matériaux d’Orsay, Université Paris-Saclay), and in 2012 he created, in parallel with his research in Orsay, a new team at the Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles in Gif-sur-Yvette, where he initiated in 2015 the *Department of Chemical Biology*. An inventor on a number of international patents, he is also the co-founder of a startup company, Diamidex, and was awarded, together with his group, the Prix La Recherche in 2015. His research is mainly focused on the use of *synthetic chemistry to develop molecular tools designed to probe biological processes*. His most recent research involves the development of an efficient strategy for bacterial detection, which led to the creation of Diamidex, as well as the design of new, highly reactive probes for disease-related Reactive Oxygen Species. Since early 2020, he is the Director of Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles (ICSN).

About ICBS

The International Chemical Biology Society (ICBS), launched in 2011, is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting research and educational opportunities at the interface of chemistry and biology. ICBS provides an important international forum that brings together cross-disciplinary scientists from academia, nonprofit organizations, government, and industry to communicate new research and help translate the power of chemical biology to advance human health and enhance a stable ecosystem for environmental sustainability.



Jonathan Baell, PhD
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