

Vision statement

by Yoon Yeo, running for the CRS Director-at-Large

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of engaging with the Controlled Release Society and receiving its support, which has been instrumental to my professional development. I am honored to have been nominated to run for the CRS Director-at-Large, as it provides an excellent opportunity to give back and offer my service to the CRS. In the following, I will outline three key reasons I can make meaningful contributions to the CRS.

First, the CRS promotes the advancement of drug delivery science and technology, regulatory science, and clinical translation through fundamental research in biomaterials, medical devices, and biological sciences. With my research focused on nanomedicine and its applications and cancer and infectious diseases, my interests and expertise perfectly align with the CRS's vision. Additionally, as a Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Controlled Release, I am uniquely positioned to learn emerging trends in drug delivery and biomaterials sciences. This background allows me to provide valuable input to help the CRS incorporate visionary and cutting-edge topics in its meetings and publications.

Second, to foster a vibrant and innovative community, it is essential to involve both academia and industry. While in academia, I have been actively pursuing technology transfer and translation. The knowledge I have gained from these interactions has been invaluable in informing the fundamental and applied research explored in my group. I am a strong advocate for increased interactions between industry and academia, which will benefit all members of the CRS.

Third, the CRS values scientific and demographic diversity, which is crucial to driving innovation and excellence in science and technology. My research at the interface of pharmacy and materials science has exposed me to various scientific communities, including pharmaceutical sciences and biomedical engineering. Therefore, I can engage with diverse research communities to enhance the scientific diversity of the CRS. Moreover, my educational and professional backgrounds in South Korea and the United States give me connections to both Asian and North American scientific communities. As a female professional, I have also strongly advocated for gender equity in scientific societies. I am confident that my connections and experience will enable me to develop effective strategies to keep the CRS a highly diverse and inclusive society.