

María J. Vicent Vision Statement

My journey with CRS started in 2003 when I first participated in an annual meeting in Glasgow as a postdoc fellow in Prof Ruth Duncan's lab. There, I was captivated by the vibrant exchange of ideas and the collective passion for advancing drug delivery science. Since then, my commitment to CRS has only deepened. In 2006, I became actively involved with the Spanish-Portuguese CRS local chapter, where I found a community of like-minded individuals, friends and long-term collaborators, dedicated to pushing the boundaries of drug delivery research and innovation. In 2019, I had the privilege of serving as the chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) in Valencia, where I witnessed firsthand the remarkable achievements and potential of our members in driving impactful advancements in drug delivery science. This experience further fueled my passion for advancing the mission of CRS. I have been very lucky so far, as my dedication to CRS has been recognized through my service on the CRS Board of Directors since 2021, where I currently hold the position of secretary. In this role, I have had the opportunity to contribute to shaping the strategic direction of our organization and working closely with fellow leaders to ensure the continued growth and success of CRS.

I am willing to continue pushing forward our society and I was honored to be nominated as possible future president-elect, this position would allow me to continue my service to CRS and to furthering our mission of advancing and showcasing the best in drug delivery science implementing our global strategic plan with the help of all the board and all of us as a society.

I would love to be able to lead our organization into a new era of growth and prominence in the field of drug delivery science. I am committed to advancing and showcasing the best in drug delivery science by harnessing the diverse knowledge from different disciplines to enrich our field. By fostering synergism and complementarities, we will propel the field forward and solidify CRS as a leader in drug delivery innovation. I am thrilled about the opportunity to further enhance collaboration with our Young Scientists, who are an essential part of CRS. Alongside our Focus Groups, local chapters, and Women in Science committees, as well as our members, partners, and stakeholders, we will work together to drive meaningful progress and solidify CRS's position as the premier society worldwide for delivery science and technology.

One of my primary objectives is to elevate the significance of success stories within drug delivery technologies (DDS) from our CRS member academia and industry partners. This will entail enhancing dissemination efforts and prioritizing collaboration and engagement with industry stakeholders. By showcasing examples of successful public-private partnerships, we will underscore CRS's position as the premier society for the pharmaceutical industry. Central to achieving this objective is the enhancement of communication and collaboration efforts. I am committed to ensuring active participation from individuals and facilitating the dissemination of achievements and advancements within our community.

Global accessibility and engagement for all CRS members is paramount. In alignment with CRS's current strategic plan, we are committed to ensuring representation from diverse regions and backgrounds, including Asia and low-income countries. Additionally, we will actively promote CRS presence in areas where it has not yet been established, reinforcing current board activities. Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) will continue to be integrated into every aspect of CRS. I will promote DEI across the board, embracing differences in career stage, research topic, and available resources.

My goal is to encompass scientific and technical efforts to push CRS to become the premier society worldwide for delivery science and technology. This will involve integrating key pillars within CRS, fostering multiple opportunities for collaboration, and empowering our members to drive positive change in drug delivery science. Together, let us chart a course towards a future where innovation blooms, collaboration thrives, and CRS continues to lead the way in shaping the landscape of drug delivery science for generations to come.