



CRS Board Elections 2026 – Vision Statement

Position: Director-at-Large

Name: **Sei Kwang Hahn**

Position: Seok Cheon Endowed Chair Professor at POSTECH, Korea

CRS Related Roles: **Organizing Committee Chair of 2028 CRS Annual Meeting Korea Initiative,** CRS Meeting Sponsor, CRS Best Oral Presentation Award Winner, Session Organizer, Reviewer, Invited Speaker and others. **Editor-in-Chief of Biomaterials Research** / **Executive Editor of Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews** / **Associate Editor of Biomaterials & Heliyon** / **Guest Editor of Advanced Materials, Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews, Journal of Controlled Release & Biomaterials.** Editorial Board Member of Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews, ACS Biomaterials Science and Engineering, ACS Applied Bio Materials, Biomacromolecules, Advanced Nanobiomed Research & others. Fellow of Korean Academy of Science & Technology, National Academy of Engineering Korea, and the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUSBSE).

Main Vision: Enhance the Participation and Contribution from Asia to the world for our CRS

Specific Goals:

- **Successfully Host the 2028 CRS Annual Meeting in Korea**
- Increase the number of Asian participants at the CRS Meeting
- Encourage the contribution of Asian pharmaceutical companies as well as global ones
- Facilitate convergence research for digital medicine, electroceuticals & healthcare devices
- As a result, improve our CRS in terms of scientific excellence and society dignity

Detailed Description: Since my first talk at the CRS meeting in 2002 as a postdoctoral fellow of Allan Hoffman's Laboratory at the University of Washington, I have maintained an evolving engagement with the CRS for more than two decades. In particular, I have taken a leading role in advancing the hosting of the 2028 CRS Annual Meeting in Korea as the organizing committee chair, working closely with the CRS Board of Directors and regional stakeholders to expand CRS presence, membership engagement, and meeting accessibility in Asia. In parallel, as described above, I have provided enduring editorial leadership that directly advances the CRS mission. In these roles, I have consistently supported CRS priorities by mentoring authors, guiding high-impact scholarship, and upholding the highest editorial standards. I have also made strong contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion through international leadership and mentorship as shown in the following photos. My career reflects a deep commitment to

global collaboration and interdisciplinary exchange as a Visiting Professor at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital (2012-2013), Stanford University (2019-2020), and the University of Tokyo and Innovation Center of Nanomedicine (Director: Kazunori Kataoka, 2026). These roles have fostered sustained collaborations across Asia, Europe, and North America. I have held senior leadership positions in major national and international organizations, including the Korean Society for Biomaterials, the Polymer Society of Korea, the Korean Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology, and the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering. If I am elected for the position of CRS Director-at-Large, it would be my great honor to serve our society with my academic and industrial experiences. As a senior Asian scientist with strong global visibility, I will play an important role in mentoring early-career researchers, broadening geographic participation, encouraging the contribution of Asian pharmaceutical companies as well as global ones, and facilitating convergence research for digital medicine, electroceuticals & healthcare devices to improve our CRS in terms of scientific excellence and society dignity.

Academic and Industrial Experiences with Japanese Scientists



2005 Hoffman's Family at Roche, Chugai



2018 Invited Seminar at Katoka's iCONM



2024 Invited Seminar at Univ. of Tokyo

Academic and Industrial Experiences with Chinese Scientists



2008 Roche Marco Polo Symposium



2011 Asia 3 Foresight Meeting



2015 Peking University Seminar

Academic and Industrial Experiences with Singapore and Australian Scientists



2013 NUS and IBN Seminars



2017 Invited Talk at AKC, Singapore



2022 Invited Talk at PPC, Australia

Academic and Industrial Experiences Worldwide



2012 Harvard & MGH Sabbatical



2014 Purdue University Seminar (Kinam Park)



2016 Invited Talk at Harvard BWH



2016 Invited Talk at Harvard MGH



2017 Seminar at Imperial College London



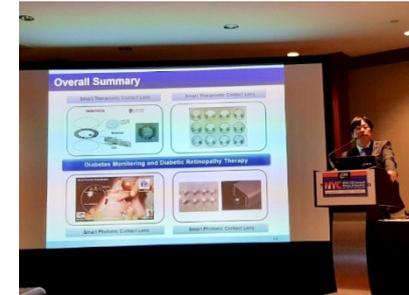
2017 Invited Talk, Nano Today Conference



2018 CRS Meeting Session Organizer



2018 CRS Meeting Award



2018 CRS Meeting Invited Talk



2019 My Company PHI BIOMED Exhibition at CRS Meeting, Spain



2019 Stanford Sabbatical & Seminar



2019 Bob Langer Seminar at Stanford



2022 CES Exhibition of my PHI BIOMED Co.



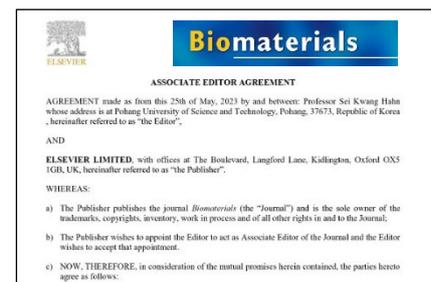
2023 CALTECH Invited Seminar



2023 CRS Meeting Invited Talk



2023 ESB Session Organizer & Keynote Talk



2023 Biomaterials Associate Editor



2023 MRS Meeting Invited Talk



2024 President Medal of Sci & Tech



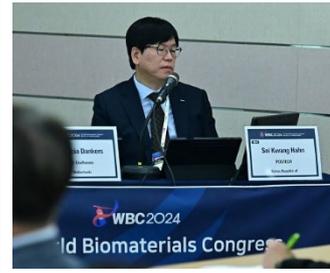
2024 Biomaterials Editorial Meeting



2024 POSTECH IC Conference Chair



2024 WBC, IUSBSE, Fellow Ceremony



2024 WBC Session Organizer



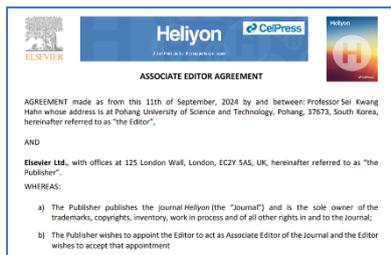
2024 CRS Meeting Invited Talk, Italy



2024 CRS Meeting with Maria Alonso



2024 CRS Webinar Invited Talk



2024 Associate Editor of Heliyon



2025 Editor-in-Chief of Biomaterials Research



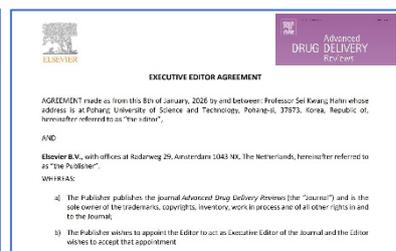
2025 Fellow of Korean Academy



2025 Johns Hopkins University Seminar



2025 FBPS Keynote Talk, Portugal



2026 Executive Editor of ADDR

Your kind vote would be greatly appreciated for my CRS Director-at-Large election.