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Candidate President-Elect

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"If elected as your President, I will lead with the same curiosity, teamwork, and determination that have shaped my career, working side by side with our community to turn great ideas into meaningful progress. Together, we will take bold steps to grow CRS, champion emerging talent, drive the innovations that will define the future of delivery science and advance technology and product development that truly serves patients."

For more than three decades, my career has been guided by the belief that meaningful progress in controlled release science and drug delivery technologies happens when we work together. Since joining the Controlled Release Society as young undergraduate in 1995, CRS has become far more than a professional association for me, it has become a family, a global community built on collaboration amongst ourselves, generosity towards each other, and a shared passion for advancing delivery science. Serving as President would be an opportunity to continue to give back to the Society that has shaped my professional journey and supported me at every stage.

My career began at Leiden University, where I discovered my passion for pharmaceutical technology and pharmacology, inspired by my mentors Prof. Hans Junginger and Dr. Henrik Luessen. Early in my professional life, we created solutions by combining curiosity, teamwork, and determination, values that have remained central in my life. From collaborative research with other international academic and industrial partners, to the enjoyable interaction with fellow students and learning from esteemed academic and industrial leaders during the annual meetings of the CRS. *(I will remember the days when student volunteers gathered in the days prior to the meeting to fill the conference bags with the Abstract Books as thick as the Yellow Pages.)*

Throughout my roles at Erasmus University, Focus Inhalation/Akela Pharma, Consort Medical, Cambridge Design Partnership, and most recently Corbion Biomaterials, I witnessed how breakthroughs can only occur when diverse perspectives come together with a shared purpose. I remember moments when we, as teams, overcame scientific and technical obstacles, supported partners, or brought new ideas to life, experiences that taught me the power of collective effort.

Today, as Head of Global Operations at Corbion Biomaterials, I lead teams in the Netherlands and the United States who ensure the reliable, high-quality supply of resorbable biomaterials. None of this work is achieved alone; every success reflects combined expertise, coordination, and commitment. These same values have guided my long service to CRS. First through the Finance Committee since 2015 and now as Treasurer on the Board of Directors, where we have diligently worked to strengthen (financial) governance, support long-term planning, and uphold the Society's stability and continuity.

If elected President, I will champion a vision rooted in unity, inclusiveness, and shared purpose. Together, we can support the next generation of delivery scientists, expand CRS's global reach, and reinforce our role as the premier community for delivery science and technology.

CRS has always been at its best when we act together as scientists, engineers, students, industry leaders, and innovators of all ages and across the world, building bridges and celebrating the diverse strengths in our community.

I would be honored to continue this collective journey with you and to help lead our Society forward, not as individuals, but as a CRS family working side by side.