

## Vision statement

by Yoon Yeo, running for the CRS President-Elect

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of engaging with the Controlled Release Society and benefitting from its support, which has been instrumental to my professional development. I am honored to have been nominated to run for the CRS President-Elect, as this role offers an excellent opportunity to give back and serve the society. Below, I outline three key reasons why I believe I can make meaningful contributions to CRS.

First, 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 to cancer and age-related 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, fostering a vibrant and innovative community requires strong collaboration between academia and industry. While based 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 committed to strengthening academia-industry partnerships within CRS, as such collaborations will benefit all members and accelerate innovation.

Third, CRS values scientific and demographic diversity, which is crucial to 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 strong ties to both Asian and North American scientific networks. As a CRS board liaison to Local Chapters and an advocate for gender equity in science, I am dedicated to promoting inclusivity within CRS across all dimensions. I am confident that my global connections and multidisciplinary background will help advance strategies that ensure CRS remains a diverse and inclusive society.