

Clemson University
Biomaterials Day – October 1, 2011

The Department of Bioengineering at Clemson University hosted a Biomaterials Day with a focus on "Biomaterials Research Roadmap Back to the Future." The symposium featured research by students from Clemson University and other universities. A highlight was the panel discussion on "Biomaterials Research, Past, Present, and Future" with past SFB presidents, former department chairs of Clemson Bioengineering, Clemson Awards winners, and undergraduate and graduate student researchers. The goal of the meeting was to stimulate students' interest in pursuing careers in the field of biomaterials by introducing undergraduate and graduate students to biomaterials scientists from the past and present. The number of attendees and level of student discussion and questions well exceeded expectations.

There was also a keynote lecture, guest lectures, and panel discussion on professional career development for students. Four students were selected for awards (best presentation grad, best presentation undergrad, etc.) and received certificates and monetary awards. The student volunteers provided their service to tend registration tables, poster set up, moderating sessions, preparation of proceedings and conference bags, etc. The student officers also reached out to students from other universities to initiate possible future social/scientific events.