

Before sharing my goals, I will briefly introduce myself. My name is Marianne Ashford, and I am a Senior Principal Scientist in a global role our Advanced Drug Delivery group at AstraZeneca. Throughout my career I have focused on ensuring delivery science is used to deliver novel medicines to patients. I am standing for Director at Large on the CRS board and would bring to the Board over 25 years of Industrial experience in the design, development and clinical translation of advanced drug delivery systems. In addition, I have had several years of working with the CRS Board including on the Industrial Foresight Council, serving on the Annual Programme Committee, Local Chapters liaison, supporting YSC initiatives and prior leadership of my local chapter.

I have three main goals as a Board member; firstly, to ensure CRS membership grows and that the society delivers on its mission of advancing science, technology and education in the field of drug delivery and that it remains the key society for Delivery Science as the field expands.

Science is moving fast and as a CRS society we need to ensure we continue to learn from each other and push boundaries. Delivery science is multi-disciplinary; connectivity and collaboration and partnership will be key to successful delivery of the next generation therapeutics. I want to build on the many successful activities of focus groups, chapters, committees and meetings to ensure dissemination of breaking science and opportunities for global networking and collaboration and that true value is achieved for its members.

Secondly, I want to ensure that we holistically integrate application/disease pathophysiology, the active and delivery system more, key to the success on any advanced delivery release system. I will encourage the society to reach out to other societies and disciplines particularly to our end users - disease biologists/clinicians/regulators and of course patients to organize joint meetings and ensure cross fertilization of ideas and science to increase the diversity, expertise and influence of CRS community.

Finally, I want to support to members at all stages of their career and ensure an inclusive and diverse environment. It is particularly important we develop the next generation of delivery scientists to enable them impact global health. It is also imperative we address global access of medicines as well as contributing to a sustainable society.

My personal mission has been to use delivery sciences to enable the delivery of innovative medicines to improve patient health, very close to CRS's mission. It's never been a better time to be a delivery scientist and as a community we have huge opportunity. I would like to serve on the CRS Board and contribute to this mission during this exciting time for delivery science.