



Vision statement

by Bruno Sarmento, running for the CRS President-Elect

As a candidate for the position of President-Elect of the Controlled Release Society (CRS), I bring with me an unfaltering commitment to fostering innovation, inclusivity, and global impact in delivery science and technology. CRS has played a defining role in my scientific and professional journey, as my main scientific society, and I am deeply dedicated to ensuring its continued growth, relevance and excellence, inspired by the visionary leadership of those who dedicated their efforts for progress, inspiring future generations to strive innovation of precision medicine and transformative drug delivery technologies.

My commitment with CRS is now well documented and recognized. I was the first Chair of the Nanomedicine and Nanoscale Drug Delivery Focus Group of CRS (2018-2019), vice-president of the Spanish-Portugal CRS Local Chapter (2018-2022), elected Director-at-Large of CRS in 2021, and Chair of the International Chapter Committee between 2021 and 2024. I was elected Secretary of CRS in 2024. I served as Annual Meeting Program Committee of CRS (2020 and 2021) and was elected a College of Fellow in 2021. I also play an active role on the Society's official journals, namely as Associate Editor and Special Issues of Drug Delivery and Translational Research, the Official Journal of the Controlled Release Society, since 2019, and Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Controlled Release since 2018. I had the opportunity to learn and grow, as a scientist and person, and interact with a diversity of colleagues and friends. This has been one of the most rewards experiences in my life, which I am sure only possible due to the uniqueness of our Society.

I envision CRS as the foremost global scientific organization driving delivery science forward. My goal is to build upon our strong foundation, enhancing opportunities for members at all career stages, promoting collaboration across disciplines, and expanding our societal impact. By reinforcing our scientific and professional networks, we can accelerate breakthroughs in drug delivery, nanomedicine, biomaterials, and emerging technologies to address pressing global health challenges. My approach is to leverage the experience and wisdom of previous leadership while harnessing the energy, creativity, and proactivity of young leaders, creating a dynamic synergy that will drive CRS into the future.

Strengthening the global engagement of CRS and outreach is a key priority. I am committed to expanding CRS's presence by fostering stronger connections between

Local Chapters and the central organization, ensuring they receive the necessary support to thrive. Establishing and sustaining new Local Chapters, particularly in underrepresented regions, will enhance our global impact. By collaborating with international organizations, regulatory agencies, and industry partners, we can facilitate the translation of research into practical, life-changing solutions.

I personally see the enhancement of the experience of our members and supporting their professional development a fundamental asset. Every CRS member, from students and early-career researchers to industry professionals and senior scientists, should derive meaningful benefits from their membership. I will congregate efforts to expand mentorship and networking programs that facilitate career development and interdisciplinary collaborations. Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives will be reinforced to make CRS a more welcoming and representative organization that values the contributions of every member.

Advancing scientific innovation and translation is at the core of CRS's mission. I will work to strengthen CRS's role as a catalyst for groundbreaking research by expanding funding and support opportunities for high-impact projects. Closer connections between academia, industry, and healthcare professionals will be fostered to ensure the rapid translation of scientific discoveries into real-world applications. CRS's journals and conferences will continue to serve as platforms for disseminating high-quality research and emerging trends in delivery science.

The CRS Annual Meeting and scientific events are essential for knowledge exchange and networking, and I am committed to elevating their impact. The recent CRSingapore 2025 is an excellent example of how CRS is able to connect global minds of delivery science, and I am proud of being involved in this exceptional experience. I will introduce innovative formats, interactive sessions, and industry collaborations to enhance the meeting experience. Virtual and hybrid participation options will be expanded to increase accessibility for members worldwide. A stronger thematic focus on emerging areas such as personalized medicine, AI-driven drug delivery, and sustainability in formulation sciences will ensure CRS remains at the forefront of scientific advancements.

Ensuring the long-term resilience of CRS is a priority. I am fully engaged to support the presidency and the CRS Board on the financial sustainability through strategic partnerships, sponsorships, and diversified revenue streams. I will work on governance structures that will improve efficiency, transparency, and member engagement in decision-making. CRS must remain adaptable and forward-thinking in responding to emerging scientific, technological, and societal challenges, and I will work to position the Society for success in an ever-evolving landscape.

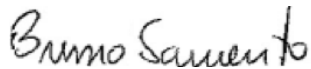
Having been deeply engaged with CRS for nearly two decades—from my first Annual Meeting as a PhD student to my current leadership roles—I understand the Society's strengths and opportunities for growth. My experiences as a researcher, mentor, and leader within CRS have prepared me to serve as an effective President-Elect. I am committed to upholding CRS's core values while driving forward initiatives that will

strengthen our Society for future generations. I invite you to join me in this journey to elevate CRS to new heights of excellence, impact, and inclusivity.

I look forward to engaging with all of you throughout this campaign and beyond. Your support and insights will be invaluable in shaping the future of CRS together. Together, we can propel our Society to new heights, advancing the frontiers of delivery science and improving the quality of life for people worldwide.

Stay updated on my visions, positions, and statements through my social media channels on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

Thank you for your trust and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruno Sarmento". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

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