Welcome on board a visual tour of

BIOART’s Summer School

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Organised by the Department of Biomaterials Science and Technology
MIRA Institute of Biomedical Technology and Technical Medicine
University of Twente, Enschede, the Netherlands
Great location for BIOART’s Summer School:

That’s how nice Utwente’s campus is: new buildings, huge lawns, plenty of trees, even more bicycles, and yes, cattle can be seen peacefully grazing mouth-watering grass on campus.
Facts and figures about the Summer School:

- **25** participants attending the School
- **23** top-rank talks
- **1** poster session
- **1** research assignment
- **1** barbecue dinner
- **1** bowling night
- And **lots** of high-quality scientific conversations

Where did the participants come from?
- **11** from The Netherlands
- **6** from Germany
- **4** from Italy
- **3** from France
- **1** from Poland

A big colourful banner welcomed the Summer School participants, university's students and staff in the entrance hall leading to the Summer School room.
The School's participants were met by a challenging programme and were up to it!
The poster session took place in an interior courtyard with lovely olive trees: a great location that prompted many scientific chats and lively explanations as the pictures demonstrate.
Poster Session
Above and right: BIOART’s coordinator deep in talk with poster presenters.
The teams had to prepare and present a novel idea/solution for patients based on bioartificial organs, preferably not related to a research topic investigated within Bioart. The idea was to build a small research proposal, an then describe the problem and a "problem solving" presentation using powerpoint.

The research assignment awards were received by 2 of the 4 teams since the jury found that the two winning teams had equally good ideas!
Daily Newsletters

Two BIOART’s Fellows enthusiastically agreed to write a daily newsletter. The newsletters were handed to the participants each morning and warmly received. They featured a summary of the previous day and highlights of the day to come; a section was devoted to “Science for dummies” while another section outlined the life of a famous scientist. To top it all, the Fellows also made sure to give the School’s participants a glimpse into Dutch local food and beverages.
Lunch time

Lunches were taken in a sunlit cafeteria conveniently close to the lecture room.

Great speakers having a good laugh together during lunch break.
Dinners -delicious dinners, it must be said!- were taken indoors at the Faculty Club. An outdoor dinner with a barbecue was organised on Thursday 11th.
And more...

Research Engineers from German Company Fibron attended the Summer School.

Left
A BIOART supervisors's meeting was held, with part of the supervisors in the room and part of them over the phone.

Warmest thanks to Karin, BIOART's secretary, who took care of logistics for the Summer School and supervised that everything went on smoothly during the whole week. Everything was more than perfect: Great job, and thanks again, Karin!
Feedback and feelings on the BIOART Summer School from a BIOART Fellow

“Let me think…

It is not surprising that I managed to talk with almost everyone and to know a bit of everyone’s research. Was it the goal? Well, then: mission accomplished!!

During the summer school I saw a lot of knowledge exchanges or just small talks between all the participants. All the social activities and the research assignment gave the possibility to create a nice interaction between all the groups and the general atmosphere was positive. Especially the research assignment, revealed to be a nice challenge in which everyone tried to give their best in order to produce something useful in a short lag of time.

Also, a special remark must be given: there were extra participants not belonging to the Bioart consortium. That created even more interest to show how we, as Bioart fellows, could present ourselves as a work-package or just as a PhD student.

It was also nice to receive feedback like “I really like your research project” or “I think that the knowledge level of this summer school is pretty high compared with others I have been to!”. That was my first summer school. I didn’t have an idea or expectation but I can definitely say I got lots of energy and ideas.

Overall the program was really intense but well structured. All the speakers gave a nice overview of their work, and most of the time it was the right chance to learn something new. I am coming from a more biological field and I used to find a bit hard to follow lectures about biomaterial characterization and functionalization or more liver-specific ones. During the summer school I had the confirmation that I can finally understand mostly everything and interact with all the participants from all the different fields.

We are approaching to the final stage of Bioart lifetime. For some of the fellows it is almost the end: hopefully it will give the right boost for successfully finalize the research projects.

We are all waiting for the next progress meeting… hopefully in Toulouse. See you there!”
A toast to the Summer School!

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All the BIOARTists will meet together again for BIOART’s 6th Progress Meeting in January 2016. Let’s wish them all lots of success in their experiments till then!

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