Two- and three-dimensional multilayer bio-coatings as novel drug delivery systems. From nano to micro

Polymer multilayers first introduced about two decades ago are nowadays widely used towards bio-applications in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. Our research is focused on active 2D and 3D multilayer structures (e.g. planar films, capsules, beads) with tailor-made properties. Such structures have a fine-tuned architecture, controlled thickness from nano to macro, adjusted softness from Pa to GPa, almost unlimited variety of functional components, and externally activatable drug release. In this talk I present our recent findings in mild and effective immobilization of biomolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, small drugs, etc) and approaches for release/delivery the biomolecules in a controlled manner. The externally triggered release on demand by IR-laser light and cell biology studies including extra- and intra-cellular delivery will be considered. The developed structures offering localized, remote, and non-invasive release of biomolecules are indispensable for applications in tissue engineering, and especially for single cell studies where high precision of delivery in space and time is highly desirable.

Recent Publications

Biography

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