



Memorandum of Understanding between the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, Inc. (TERMIS) and the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUSBSE)

Whereas the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "TERMIS"), with a mailing address of 2563 Shadow Mountain Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583, USA, and the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (hereinafter referred to as "IUSBSE") having an address at 420 Frontgate Drive, Cary NC, 27519, USA (both organizations hereinafter referred to as a PARTIES.

Seeking to improve understanding and exchange between their respective academic societies and to establish mutually beneficial collaboration for the benefit of their members, have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") as a first step toward achieving these shared goals.

NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT THERETO, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE AND FIELDS OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

(1) The Parties hereby agree to implement within the framework of the rules and regulations applicable in each of the societies / federations and subject to the availability of funds and resources, programs and activities that may include, but are not limited to:

(a) coordination of world conference times to minimize overlap in timing. We note that currently TERMIS WC is every 3 years with the next WC scheduled in 2024, and the IUSBSE WBC is every 4 years with the next WBC firmly scheduled for May 26 – May 31, 2024 in South Korea.

(b) coordination of TERMIS regional chapter conferences (AM, AP and EU) with respective IUSBSE member society meetings to prevent clashes of the hosting of their meetings;

(c) seek to organise/facilitate events at each other's yearly and world conferences, including but not limited to webinars and virtual events for the benefit of each other's communities;

(d) improve the visibility of both communities within TERMIS and IUSBSE member societies;

(e) mutual promotion of the cross-disciplinary use of tissue engineering/regeneration and biomaterials by both PARTIES;

(d) TERMIS and IUSBSE will make their newsletters and announcements reasonably accessible to the governing body of the other Party.

(2) The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of any agreed program or activity contemplated under the terms of this MoU shall be the subject of separate written agreements to be negotiated and agreed upon by both Parties and/or any third parties, wherever applicable. The decision whether to initiate and/or implement any program or activity shall be at the sole discretion of each Party.

(3) The Parties agree to designate, on behalf of each institution, a coordinator whose responsibility will be to supervise the execution of this MoU and to draw up plans for programs or activities to be implemented under this MoU,

setting out specific provisions concerning exchange programs, budget requirements, and details of funding. For this purpose, the coordinator for TERMIS is the current TERMIS President and for IUSBSE is the current IUSBSE President. The Presidents may appoint additional coordinators with specific responsibilities. It is expected that the coordinators report to the global Governing Board or Chapter Councils (in the case of TERMIS) and to the Board of Society Delegates (in the case of IUSBSE) at regular intervals and that the Chapter Chair also reports to the global Governing Board (in the case of TERMIS) and that the individual coordinators also report to the Board of Directors (in the case of IUSBSE).

2. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

(1) The Parties acknowledge that, in the absence of any specific agreement in writing to the contrary, each Party will be responsible for its own costs and expenses in establishing and conducting programs and activities contemplated under this MoU, including without limitation its own costs and expenses in travel and accommodation.

3. DURATION AND TERMINATION

(1) This MoU shall take effect from the date of its execution, and shall continue to be effective for a period of five (5) years, after which it may be extended for such further period as may be agreed by the Parties in writing.

(2) Notwithstanding clause 3 (1), above, this MoU may be terminated by either Party giving written notice to the other at least six (6) months prior to the proposed date of termination.

(3) Notwithstanding clause 3 (2) above, the provisions of this MoU or any other written agreement between the Parties in respect of any on-going exchange program or any other cooperative activity under this MoU shall continue to apply until their completion, unless both Parties mutually agree in writing to the earlier termination of the program or cooperative activity.


4. NOTICE

(1) Every notice, request, or any other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this MoU shall be in writing, in English, to the Parties at the addresses and emails stated below:

Members of the two parties (TERMIS and IUSBSE) shall not have reciprocal rights to vote or hold office.

Signatures:


President of TERMIS:
Name: Prof. Anthony Weiss
Date: 12/4/2022 | 2:41 PM AEST
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Signature: 
tony.weiss@sydney.edu.au or swilburn@termis.org

President-elect of TERMIS:
Name: Prof. Jennifer Elisseeff
Date:

Signature: 

President of the IUSBSE:
Name: Prof. Joachim Kohn
Date:
IUSBSE email address for notices:

Signature: 
joachimkohn@icloud.com or mbarbosa@i3s.up.pt

Secretary of the IUSBSE

Name: Prof. Mario Barbosa
Date:

Signature: 