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Linking the international community of TERMIS



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Letter from the President

Dear TERMIS Members,

During this year, TERMIS will celebrate its 10th Anniversary. In 2005, after a very successful global TERM meeting in Shanghai. Alan Russell and his colleagues put together a plan for the consolidation of TESI, ETES and various Asian societies into the single entity, the Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine International Society.

As I have noted before, the success of TERMIS has to be judged by the quality of its chapter conferences and world congresses. All chapters are now attracting 800-1200 delegates, which is excellent; this year we will have the World Congress in Boston, which I am sure will be very popular and exciting. Delegates come to our meetings from many different countries and many wonderful cities act as hosts. I would like TERMIS to build upon this success, especially by extending our sphere of influence and engaging more countries and their scientists in our meetings and activities. Two issues are particularly important and recommendations I have made to the Governing Board have been approved.

The first concerns so-called 'emerging countries'. Individuals from these countries, which are listed on the TERMIS website, can register as members of TERMIS but without paying any membership dues. In reality, the concept of 'emerging', or 'developing' countries is controversial, and even political, and very few individuals from those countries we include in this category are able to attend meetings. An alternative concept is to consider whether a country has a scientific infrastructure that can support TERM activities; the aim here is to provide direct encouragement of that infrastructure rather than the ad hominem support for membership and conference attendance. I have proposed that there should be three categories of TERMIS membership based on geographical location.

Group A membership is for those who are located in an established country, within the remit of a continental chapter, that has a developed scientific infrastructure. There is no change to the membership conditions within these countries which are, for the record: (In Europe) Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, (In the Americas) Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, USA, (In Asia-Pacific) Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand.

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Group B involves location within a country that has limited scientific infrastructure, or within a country that lies outside of the existing responsibility of continental chapters (i.e. most of Africa), such that individuals have limited prospects of belonging to a TERM society. These individuals, on application, will become members of TERMIS Global, without payment of a membership fee. These countries are: (In Europe) Albania, Andorra, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, San Marino, (In the Americas) all Central America and Caribbean Countries. Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela (In Asia-Pacific), Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Korea (North), Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Oman, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Yemen (In Africa) all African countries not listed in Group C, Africa.

In Group C are countries that do have some scientific infrastructure and has some TERM activity, and where there is the prospect of establishing a national or regional society or community and which could aspire to become fully recognized within a continental chapter. Initially these are considered similar to Group B but would transfer to Group A as appropriate, such considerations being made on a case-by-case basis. These countries are: (In Europe), Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Malta, Monaco, Ukraine, (In the Americas) Chile, Columbia, (In Asia-Pacific) all Oceania Countries except Australia and New Zealand, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, The Philippines, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, (In Africa) Algeria, Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, South Africa.

I imagine that there could be some discussion about these groupings and would be happy to enter into any dialogue about this.

I have mentioned before some of the logistics issues with conferences. It is becoming clear that the ability to host a 1000+ meeting is a major requirement in relation to venues, and the trend for these meetings to be held in major cities close to significant TERM activity will intensify. Just consider that recent venues include Atlanta, Toronto, Washington, Vienna, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai, Sydney, Istanbul, Houston and Taipei. As mentioned in my last letter, there is also the need to pay fees to TERMIS Global and the relevant chapter. This trend implies that much of the world is effectively ruled out of contention for holding TERMIS meetings. I have therefore received approval for each chapter to be encouraged to hold a second meeting each year outside of the major venues, in which there will be no need to pay fees to TERMIS, allowing for quite different financial models to be employed. These meetings could have different formats; they should be organized within the framework of respective chapter budgets and the TERMIS imprimatur should be used to facilitate regional government support. Chair of the Continental chapters have been asked to take action on this matter.

Questions might be asked about the necessity for these 'globalization' measures, i.e. are they important. I believe that they are, both because of the importance of supporting colleagues who otherwise have little chance of progress in this new field and also because regenerative medicine is likely to become important clinically in many of so-called disadvantaged countries. It is better that such clinical developments are made with rather than without our support.

Sincerely,



David Williams
President, TERMIS

Journal *Tissue Engineering, Parts A, B and C*

In partnership with Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., publishers, we are pleased to announce that all TERMIS members now have access to the **entire** journal archive of our official journal, *Tissue Engineering, Parts A, B and C*.

Online access to *Tissue Engineering* archives

https://www.termis.org/journal_login.php

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2015 *Tissue Engineering* Young Investigator Council (TEN YIC)

We are pleased to announce the members of the **2015 *Tissue Engineering* Young Investigator Council**. Selected from an impressive pool of over 450 international candidates, we warmly welcome the following global group of young investigators to our esteemed editorial team.

Our personal thanks go out to the leadership of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) and the Student and Young Investigator Section (SYIS) of the society for their involvement in selecting the final applicants of the 2015 Council.

2015 *Tissue Engineering* Young Investigator Council (TEN YIC):

YIC Chair

Elizabeth G. Lobo
North Carolina State University
North Carolina, USA

2015 YIC Council

Claire G Jeong, PhD
Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine
North Carolina, USA

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Boston Children's Hospital & Harvard Medical School
Massachusetts, USA

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Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine
Japan

Benjamin Kim Kiat Teo, PhD

Mechanobiology Institute Singapore
Singapore

Iman Roohani, PhD

The University of Sydney
Australia

This initiative is brought forth to further the professional development of young investigators in the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. We are honored to have these young investigators be a part of our editorial team and support them in their professional growth and development in the field. New council members will be selected each year to join the **TEN YIC** and we encourage all qualified applicants to apply in the future.

Please join us in congratulating these young investigators on their appointments. We look forward to working with them over the course of the following year.

Sincerely,

Co-Editors-in-Chief: Antonios G. Mikos, PhD and Peter C. Johnson, MD
Reviews Co-Editor-In-Chief (Part B): John P. Fisher, PhD
Methods Co-Editor-In-Chief (Part C): John A. Jansen, DDS, PhD



2015 4th TERMIS WORLD CONGRESS

September 8-11, 2015 • Boston, MA, USA

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE
The Evolution of Regenerative Medicine



Anthony Atala, MD

Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine

**Laura E. Niklason, M.D., Ph.D**

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Imperial College London

**Jeong Ok Grace Lim, Ph.D**

Kyungpook National University

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract Submission Site Opens:

February, 2015

Abstract Submission Deadline:

March, 2015

Notification of Accepted Abstracts:

April, 2015

Online Registration Open:

May, 2015

Early Bird Registration Close:

July, 2015

2014 TERMIS Election Results

We would like to congratulate the newly elected officers and council members of TERMIS. Here are the final results of the 2014 Election.

TERMIS-AM

Chair-Elect

John Fisher

Member-at-Large: Americas

Sergio Gehrke

Five (5) open positions on the Americas (AM) Council

Cherie Stabler

Jan Stegemann

Patricia Pranke

Kacey Marra

Alison McGuigan

One (1) open positions on the Americas (AM) Awards Committee

Jennifer Elisseeff

Three (3) open positions on the Americas (AM) Membership Committee

Eben Alsberg

Jeff Jacot

Patricia Pranke

Two (2) open positions on the Americas (AM) Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Cosgriff-Hernandez

Brenda Mann

SYIS-AM Chair-Elect

Alexander Tatara

TERMIS-AP

Chair-Elect

Yasuhiko Tabata

One (1) open positions within the Asia-Pacific (AP) Council

Chia-Ching (Josh) Wu

TERMIS-EU

Three (3) open positions within the European (EU) Council

David Eglin

Nicole Rotter

Dimitrios Zeugolis

EU Secretary

Eric Farrell

2018 TERMIS World Congress Rotates to the Asia-Pacific Chapter —Solicitation of Proposals

The TERMIS-AP Council would like to announce the solicitation of proposals to host the 2018 World Congress that will be held in Asia-Pacific.

If you are interested in hosting the 2018 World Congress meeting within the Asia-Pacific Chapter, please submit your request to Sarah Wilburn at swilburn@termis.org. You will be provided with a meeting host form that asks detailed questions about the meeting organizers, location/venue, program, and meeting financials. When proposals are submitted, they are reviewed by the TERMIS-AP Meetings Committee and an official vote is conducted.

The deadline for submitting proposals for the 2018 World Congress is Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

To request a meeting host application form, please contact Sarah Wilburn at swilburn@termis.org or by telephone at +1 (925) 362-0998.

**Proposals are DUE:
July 15, 2015**

2015 TERMIS-AM Awards Program—Nomination Packages Due—May 1st!

2015 TERMIS-AM Awards Program - Nomination packages due Friday, May 1, 2015

The TERMIS-AM Council and the TERMIS-AM Awards Committee would like to announce the call for nomination packages for the 2015 TERMIS-AM Awards Program.

Nomination packages for any TERMIS-AM award should be submitted to Sarah Wilburn, the TERMIS Administrator, by Friday, May 1, 2015. The criteria for submitting a nomination must be followed in order for the nomination to be accepted.

The awardees will be presented with their award at the 2015 TERMIS World Congress that will be held in Boston in September.

Please submit your nomination packages to:

TERMIS-AM Awards Committee
c/o Sarah Wilburn
E: swilburn@termis.org

Details on submission criteria is available at
http://www.termis.org/chapters_am_awards.php.

Nomination packages are being accepted for the following awards:

Lifetime Achievement

Senior Scientist

Young Investigator

Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. Outstanding Student Award

Educational

And

Innovation/Commercialization

Commercialization & Regulation TWIG—LinkedIn Group

Interested in Commercialization of TE/RM Technologies?

Follow the Commercialization and Regulation Thematic Working Interest Group (TWIG) on LinkedIn. Membership is free and gives you access to:

- Pertinent discussions on **industry trends**
- Invitations to our **monthly (free) webinars**
- Updates on TWIG initiatives, such as the **Business Plan Competition**

Simply type in “TERMIS Commercialization” in the search bar of LinkedIn to be directed to the page, click “Join” in the upper right!

For additional information, contact the TWIG Chair, Chris Gemmiti, Founder & Managing Director of Ridgewood Consulting LLC at chris@ridgewoodconsultingservices.com.

Upcoming Conferences

February 2015

[CEOT: the Cutting Edge of Transplantation](#)

Conference Dates: February 5-7, 2015

Conference Location: Chandler, Arizona Hosted by the American Society of Transplantation (AST) TERMIS members are being provided with a special registration rate

March 2015

[RMSC-2015 South Korea](#) 8th Annual World Congress of Regenerative Medicine & Stem Cell-South Korea Conference Dates: March 19-21, 2015 Theme: Light the Hope of "Incurable" Diseases

[BSTE 2015 - Belgian Symposium on Tissue Engineering](#) Symposium Dates: 19-20 March 2015 Symposium Location: "Thermotechnisch Instituut", at the Arenberg Castle Park of the KU Leuven, Belgium Symposium Theme: Where technology meets biology: the next generation of tissue engineering

[Unified scientific approaches towards regenerative orthopaedics and dentistry \(REDEOR\)](#) Conference Dates: 25-27 March 2015 Conference Location: Venice, Italy Conference Contact: [Emmanuelle Girardin](#)

June 2015

[2nd International Conference on Regenerative Biomedical Materials \(ICRBMS2015\)](#) Conference Dates: June 4-8, 2015 Conference Location: Wuhan, China TERMIS members receive a reduced registration rate.

September 2015

[2015 4th TERMIS World Congress](#)

Congress Dates: September 8-11, 2015

Congress Location: Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA, USA

Congress Co-Chairs: David Kaplan, PhD and Kacey Marra, PhD

June 2016

[2016 TERMIS-EU Conference](#)

Conference Dates: 28 June - 1 July 2016

Conference Location: Uppsala Konsert & Kongress, Uppsala, Sweden

Conference Chair: Prof. Jöns Hilborn

September 2016

[2016 TERMIS-AP Conference](#)

Conference Dates: September 3-7, 2016

Conference Location: Tamsui Town of New Taipei City Conference Chairs: Shih-Chieh Hung and Ming-Thau Sheu

December 2016

[2016 TERMIS-AM Conference](#)

Conference Dates: December 2016

Conference Location: San Diego, CA

Conference Chairs: Anthony Ratcliffe, PhD; Robert Sah, PhD; and Bill Tawil, PhD

June 2017

[2017 TERMIS-EU Conference](#)

Conference Dates: 26-30 June 2017

Conference Location: Davos Conference Center, Davos, Switzerland

Conference Chair: R. Geoff Richards, PhD

Conference Program Chair: Mauro Alini, PhD

September 2017

[2017 TERMIS-AP Conference](#)

Conference Dates: September 21-24, 2017

Conference Location: Nantong, China

Conference Chairs: Prof. Dr. Xiaosong Gu, Dr. Xiaobin Fu, and Dr. Yilin Cao

Program Chairs: Dr. Fei Ding and Dr. Wei Liu

December 2017

[2017 TERMIS-AM Conference](#)

Conference Dates: December 2017

Conference Location: Charlotte, North Carolina

Conference Chair: Anthony Atala, MD Conference Program Chair: Shay Soker, PhD

All conferences listed have been reviewed and approved for endorsement by the TERMIS Endorsement Committee.



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To accomplish its mission, TERMIS brings together the international community of persons engaged or interested in the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine and promotes education and research within the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine through regular meetings, publications and other forms of communication. The Society also serves as an international forum to promote the informed discussion of challenges and therapeutic benefits of the application of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine technologies.

Most importantly, the Society is committed to bringing you closer to key professionals to support your mutual understanding of the field, accelerate your research in the field and to enable you to contribute to the ultimate care of patients in this very important way.

**Interested in contributing to the TERMIS Newsletter?
CONTACT SARAH WILBURN**
