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Special points of interest:

- 2014 TERMIS-AM Awards Program Announcement
- 2014 Chapter Conferences Information

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Letter from the President

Dear TERMIS Members,

For most members of TERMIS, this is the time of year when spring is starting and the rather poor winter in many places is now over. I am writing this letter in that part of the world, that is the southern hemisphere, where the reverse is the case and autumn is starting. We do not have too many members in the south, but hopefully that will change. During my stay in South Africa this year I have begun conversations about a national society here, linked to TERMIS through mechanisms we are currently discussing, hopefully running a workshop in Cape Town in 2015.

Wherever you are in the world, you will soon be reminded that the annual TERMIS chapter's conference season will get underway soon, with our meetings in Italy, Korea and the USA. I hope to get to at least two of these myself and encourage all members to give priority to our meetings when planning conference schedules. As I noted in the last newsletter, attendance at our meetings last year was very good, especially at the Asia-Pacific conference, and we hope to maintain high quality meetings with good attendance this year. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of these events.

Sincerely,

David Williams
President, TERMIS

Letter from the Editor

Dear TERMIS Members,

The official journal of the Society, *Tissue Engineering, Parts A, B, and C* is celebrating its 20 year anniversary this year, which we should all celebrate and embrace. At the same time, I would like to draw your attention to your own personal lives. I just realized again that in my busy day-to-day business that I take on too many tasks. By the time we go to bed and close our eyes, think about what has been accomplished for today for yourself and specifically for your inner self (or your spiritual I).

Then I ask myself are you going to go through the next ten years just like you did the last ten years, or do you want a new level of fulfillment and/or blessing in your life? It is very common for specific disciplines to declare an Initiative, such as the Bone and Joint decade which I was at the later stages part of in Australia, the US and Germany. Hence, I would like the members of TERMIS to think about the "Decade of Personal Destiny", which should be a spiritual growth campaign to prepare us spiritually, emotionally, financially, physically, mentally, vocationally, and relationally to make the next ten years the best years of our lives!

I look forward to seeing you at the TERMIS meeting in Genova to have not only scientific discussion as well as a philosophical discussion as noted above in relaxed atmosphere over a bottle of great Tuscan wine.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Dietmar W. Hutmacher, PhD (NUS), MBA (Henley)

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

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2013 TERMIS-AP Conference Overview—Shanghai/Wuzhen, China

TERMIS-AP 2013 Annual Conference—Translation for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine

The 2013 annual conference of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society—Asia Pacific Chapter (TERMIS-AP) was successfully held from 23-26 Oct 2013 in Shanghai and Wuzhen, China. The main theme of this conference was to discuss how to accelerate the translation process of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine from the perspective of scientists, bioengineers, clinicians, regulatory officials and so on.

As an emerging and relatively immature region, the TERMIS-AP chapter annual meeting remains as a smaller scale conference when compared to other chapter meetings. In 2013, through the great effort of TERMIS-AP 2013 organization committee, significant progress was achieved. For this conference, there were 700 abstracts submitted, more than 800 delegates (around 500 delegates came from overseas) and 105 plenary / keynote speakers from over 30 countries and regions, which is a record breaking number in the history of the TERMIS-AP regional meeting. This meeting included comprehensive scientific presentations, interactive panel discussions, and an informative exposition and oral presentation topics covering from basic scientific research, clinical translation work to regulatory affairs and commercialization that stimulated exchange of information and ideas and encouraged collaboration for the advancement of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

In order to nurture the next generation of young scientists, a series of special programs was designed during the conference. A new category of presentation was created for students and young investigators called “Young plenary speech”, where distinguished young scientists from different AP countries and regions were given a precious stage to stand along with distinguished scientists to present their outstanding work. In addition, prestigious scientists were invited to interact and share with the younglings their growth stories, success tips, and special training workshops were organized, where top-tiered journal editors taught young scientists about the effective manuscript writing and paper submission process.

Besides the outstanding scientific program, great efforts have been spent to organize the unique and colorful social events. The social events provided our conference delegates with a better understanding of the Chinese culture. Delegates enjoyed their stay in Shanghai, in the vibrant, fascinating modern city, and their stay in Wuzhen, a beautiful, well-preserved and authentic ancient waterside town known as the “Venice of the Orient”.

Liu Wei (Scientific Chair),

Professor, Shanghai 9th People's Hospital, School of Medicine, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

Zhang Zhi-Yong (General Secretary),

Professor, Shanghai 9th People's Hospital, School of Medicine, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

2013 TERMIS-AM Conference Overview—Atlanta, Georgia

Georgia Tech Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience Hosts Successful TERMIS-Americas 2013 Conference

Over 800 people attended the TERMIS Americas 2013 annual conference in November in Atlanta. The annual meeting is the premier networking and educational event for the regenerative medicine and tissue engineering industry.

This year's meeting was hosted by Georgia Tech, with **Dr. Robert E. Guldberg**, Executive Director Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience, as the Conference Chair and the TERMIS-AM Chapter Chair. **Dr. Todd C. McDevitt**, Director, Stem Cell Engineering Center at Georgia Tech, served as the Scientific Program Chair. The theme of this year's meeting, "Celebrating 25 years of Transformative Science & Engineering," was inspired by the first federally funded tissue engineering workshop in 1998. The opening plenary symposium featured talks from several leaders on how key areas of the field have evolved over the past 25 years, and shared insights on future directions of the field. This year's scientific program comprised of session topics that focused on the fundamental principles, emerging strategies, and practical applications of the latest advances in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. In addition to emphasizing basic and applied scientific research themes that broadly impact different tissue and organ systems, the conference also included a series of sessions dedicated to clinical translational work.

The program included keynote lecturers speaking about innovative approaches that impact new tissue engineering and regenerative medicine strategies, including **Deepak Srivastava, MD**, Younger Director of the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease and Director of the Roddenberry Stem Cell Center at Gladstone; **Valerie M. Weaver, PhD**, Associate Professor, Departments of Surgery and Bioengineering and Therapeutics, and Director, Center for Bioengineering and Tissue Regeneration, University of California, San Francisco; and **James M. Wells, PhD**, Endowed Chair in Regenerative Medicine and Perinatal Endocrinology and Director, Pluripotent Stem Cell Facility, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The conference had over 175 oral presentations, over 350 poster presentations, and 35 sponsors and exhibitors. The meeting drew attendees from almost every state, and received registrations from international participants from over 30 countries. The audience included a mix of academicians, corporate professionals, and government representatives, with CEOs, principal investigators, post-doctoral fellows, pre-doctoral students, and other researchers.

TERMIS-AM has established several award mechanisms to recognize outstanding scientists in the field, including the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, awarded to **Robert M. Nerem, PhD**; the **Senior Scientist Award**, presented to William R. Wagner, PhD; the Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. Outstanding Student Award, awarded to Rameshwar R. Rao; and the Young Investigator Award which was given to Alison P. McGuigan, PhD. In addition, **Minh Khanh Nguyen, PhD** and Melissa A. Kinney were presented with the **5th annual Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine Young Investigator Awards** to recognize outstanding achievements.

The Student and Young Investigator Section of the Americas chapter (SYIS-AM) organized a number of exciting activities at the meeting. With support from the National Science Foundation, they were able to expand many of the SYIS events this year, including doubling the numbers of participants of the Mentoring Lunch and Career Panel. In addition, they organized the first-ever local area high school outreach event. SYIS-AM presented three awards for the best poster – first place was presented to **Sravanti Rangaraju** for his poster titled, "Targeting Trogocytosis: A Novel Strategy to Reduce Graft Versus Host Disease Following Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant by Inhibiting the Generation of Cross-Dressed Dendritic Cells"; second place was presented to **Jilian Tengood Hillman** for her poster titled, "Functionalization of Endothelial Cells with Biodegradable Magnetic Nanoparticles for Targeted Delivery"; and third place was presented to **NaJung Kim** for her poster titled, "Combination of Small RNAs Enhances Muscle Development".

This year, TERMIS-AM added several new and exciting elements to the program, including the first ever TERMIS-AM conference dinner at the World of Coca-Cola (hosted by Georgia Institute of Technology Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience), a Women in Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine luncheon, and a session focused on public policy. These new activities as well as enhancement of existing outreach and training opportunities were supported in part by grants from the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation.

Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine have become critical scientific disciplines. The TERMIS-AM meeting continues to grow and mature every year, and it has now become the major venue for the presentation of basic research, and its clinical application. For over 10 years, this meeting continues to foster interactions among basic scientists engaged in discovery and development, translational researchers who bring scientific discoveries to the clinical forefront, clinicians, and those engaged with funding, regulatory and commercial endeavors.

Note: The next TERMIS-Americas Conference will be held in 2014 from December 13-16 in Washington, DC at the Renaissance Hotel.

The TERMIS World Congress, held every three years at a venue where all TERMIS chapters meet as a whole, will be held September 8-11 in Boston, Massachusetts at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. Visit the TERMIS main website for more details, www.termis.org.

For more information, contact [Sarah Wilburn](mailto:Sarah.Wilburn@termis.org), TERMIS Administrator.



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION—DEADLINE EXTENDED

The early bird registration rate has been extended until Tuesday, 15th April 2014.

Take advantage of the reduced registration rate by [registering TODAY!](#)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The organizers would like to remind you that there is a wide range of hotel accommodations available (3-5 stars).

The complete list is available at <http://www.termis.org/eu2014/register.php>.

The special room rates will not be available very much longer. There are also accommodations available on the site for students.

For any further information, please visit the [conference website](#) or contact the organizing secretariat at termis@symposiacongressi.com.

Tissue Engineering Regenerative and
Medicine International Society
- Asia Pacific Meeting 2014

September 24-27, 2014 | Daegu, Korea
TERMIS-AP 2014
"Transformation for Future Healthcare"

Dear all colleagues,

Greetings from South Korea!

This is the secretariat of the TERMIS-AP 2014.

We write this mail to notify you that the **abstract submission deadline is April 11, 2014**.
Now abstract submission for TERMIS-AP 2014 is ongoing at the official website of TERMIS-AP 2014.
You can submit an abstract and get more details at <http://www.termis.org/ap2014/abstracts.php>

Also, an early registration is now available at the official website.
Register for TERMIS-AP 2014 now to save on conference registration fees!

If you have any further queries regarding the conference, please contact the TERMIS-AP 2014 secretariat by email at info@termis-ap2014.org.

We hope that many of you will participate in and support the conference.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
TERMIS-AP 2014 Secretariat

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Featured Keynote Speakers

Immunoengineering for Biomedical Applications

Darrell Irvine, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Role of Cell-Substrate Interactions in Direct Cellular Reprogramming

Kam Leong, PhD, Duke University

Oxygen Supply and Demand in Regenerative Medicine

Gregg Semenza, MD, PhD, Johns Hopkins University

History and Future of Transplant and Tissue Engineering

W.P. Andrew Lee, MD, Johns Hopkins University and **Joseph P. Vacanti, MD**, Massachusetts General Hospital

This Year's Sessions Will Focus On

- Scaffolds, Matrices and Biomaterials
- Stem Cells and Cell Therapies and Development Biology and Cell Signaling
- Engineering Tissues for In Vitro Screening and Diagnostics
- Imaging and Assessment
- Biofabrication and Bioreactors
- Drug Delivery
- Paracrine/Trophic Delivery
- Immunology/Immunoengineering in Tissue Engineering
- Tumor Development and Cancer
- Physical Parameters in Tissue Development
- Computations Modeling, Systems Biology, and Multi-parametric Analysis
- Preclinical Animal Models
- Tissue-Organ Functional Replacement
- Cardiovascular-Angiogenesis-Blood
- Neural and Spine
- Ophthalmologic
- Dental and Craniofacial
- Respiratory, Urologic and Gastrointestinal
- Musculoskeletal
- Skin and Wound Healing and Inflammation
- Composite Tissue-Organ Transplantation and Tissue Engineering

www.termis.org/am2014

TERMIS-AM: Thematic Working Interest Groups (TWIGS) - SIGN UP ONLINE!

The objectives of the TWIGs are:

1. to give all members of the TERMIS-AM an opportunity to participate more directly in the life of the society;

2. to provide support for programming in specific domains;

3. to provide an opportunity to learn the workings of a professional society with a goal of readying talented, motivated individuals for leadership roles in the society;

4. to address new and emerging areas impacting TERM and to provide a platform to introduce these areas into our annual meeting.

The initial 12 TWIGs are:

-Cardiovascular/Angiogenesis/Blood: Milica Radisic

-Musculoskeletal: Johnna Temenoff

-Neural & Spine: Shelly Sakiyama-Elbert

-Ophthalmologic: Jennifer Ellisseeff

-Craniofacial: Peter Ma

-Respiratory, Urologic & Gastrointestinal: James Yoo

-Skin, Wound Healing, and Inflammation: Mark Van Dyke

-Scaffolds, Matrices, and Biomaterials: Eben Alsberg

-Stem Cells & Cell Therapies & Developmental Biology and Cell Signaling: Todd McDevitt

-Commercialization & Regulation: Chris Gemmiti

-Biofabrication & Bioreactors: George Christ

-Imaging: & Assessment: Eric Brey

[Complete the online sign-up sheet to join a TWIG.](#)

TERMIS-AM: Scaffolds, Matrices and Biomaterials TWIG

At the 2013 TERMIS-AM meeting in Atlanta, GA, a number of TWIGS met for the first time. TWIGs, or Thematic Working Interest Groups, have been established in a number of different areas, including fundamental tissue engineering areas and clinical targets. The formation of a TWIG entitled "Scaffolds, Matrices and Biomaterials" has generated much interest. The first meeting on November 12, 2013 included over a dozen interested researchers encompassing both academia and industry. Eben Alsberg, Associate Professor at Case Western Reserve University (exa46@case.edu), is the Chair, Georgia Papavasiliou, Assistant Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology (papavasiliou@iit.edu), was elected Secretary Treasurer and Elizabeth Cosgriff Hernandez, Associate Professor at Texas A&M University (cosgriff.hernandez@bme.tamu.edu), was elected Vice-Chair.

All TWIGs will have an opportunity to propose special symposia or general sessions for inclusion to the program for the annual conference, and the Scaffolds, Matrices, and Biomaterials TWIG is developing a special symposium for TERMIS-AM 2014 in Washington, DC. The TWIG discussed proposal of a workshop on policy regulation. Potential keynote speakers due to the location of the TERMIS-AM 2014 conference in Washington, DC were discussed. It is expected that a social hour will be held for the TWIG members at the TERMIS-AM 2014 conference. Finally the group discussed the evolution of the TWIG in future meetings and how members, including faculty, students and industry members can become more involved.

Written by Samuel LoPresti and Kacey Marra

2014 TERMIS-AM Awards Program

The deadline to submit nomination packages for the 2014 TERMIS-AM Awards Program is Friday, May 30, 2014.

The complete list of awards is available [online](#). Nomination packages for any TERMIS-AM award should be submitted to Sarah Wilburn, the TERMIS Administrator, by Friday, May 30, 2014. 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 2014 TERMIS-AM Conference in Washington, DC in December.

Nomination packages are to be submitted to the TERMIS Administrator at swilburn@termis.org.

Commissioner's Fellowship Class of 2014

FDA invites outstanding healthcare professionals, scientists, and engineers to apply to its two-year Fellowship Program, where they will receive regulatory science training and the chance to conduct cutting-edge research on targeted scientific, policy, or regulatory issues under the mentorship of an FDA senior scientist.

Preceptors and Coursework

The Fellowship Program combines rigorous graduate-level coursework with the development of a regulatory science research project. Under the guidance of an FDA senior scientist Preceptor committed to mentoring, Fellows will explore a specific aspect of FDA regulatory science.

This experience can be in a biology, physics or engineering lab, in a clinical review team, in biostatistics, informatics, epidemiology, risk analysis, or in other aspects of FDA science.

Fellows also have the opportunity to contribute to FDA's review of sponsor's applications for new products or to other regulatory reviews. They work with FDA scientists to develop better research and evaluation tools and approaches, ranging from assays for chemical or pathogen detection to methods to assess clinical or health care data.

To learn more about the proposed projects, please visit the [Preceptor](#) page.

The coursework is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the science behind regulatory review, encompassing FDA activities across foods, drugs, devices, biologics, cosmetics, and tobacco. [Coursework](#) covers public policy, FDA law, epidemiology, clinical trials and design, and statistics.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must have a Doctoral level degree (M.D., D.O., D.V.M., D.D.S., D.P.M., Pharm.D., Dr.P.H, or Ph.D.) to be eligible; however, applicants with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an engineering discipline will also be considered.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals of the U.S., or have been admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence at the time their applications are submitted. Applicants cannot be current FDA employees or FDA contractors (such as ORISE fellows).

Applicants must have received their doctoral degree (for Engineering applicants, their Bachelor's or Master's) within 7 years of the start date. NOTE: All degree requirements (including thesis defense) must be complete before applying.

Benefits of Working at FDA

Fellows train at FDA's White Oak campus in Silver Spring, Maryland or at other FDA facilities. Salaries are competitive, and travel funds are available to attend scientific meetings. We offer an excellent [benefits package](#), including health insurance, retirement, and paid vacation leave.

http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/FellowshipInternshipGraduateFacultyPrograms/CommissionersFellowshipProgram/default.htm?utm_campaign=Google2&utm_source=fdaSearch&utm_medium=website&utm_term=Commissioner%27s+Fellowship+program&utm_content=1

Application period for the CFP Class of 2014:

Applications will be accepted from **April 16, 2014 through May 26, 2014 5 p.m. EST**. Letters of recommendation will be due **June 4th by 5 p.m. EST**. [Application website](#).

- Late June/July – Interviews
- July through August – Applicants Notified
- October – Program Start Date

Upcoming Conferences

March 2014

[Regenerative Medicine Workshop at Hilton Head](#)

Workshop Dates: March 26-29, 2014
Workshop Location: Hilton Head, SC

April 2014

[2014 Symposium on Biologic Scaffolds for Regenerative Medicine](#)

Symposium Dates: April 24-26, 2014
Symposium Location: Silverado Resort, Napa Valley, CA
Symposium Chairman: Stephen F. Badylak, DVM, PhD, MD

May 2014

[Cell-Based Therapies and Tissue Engineering Short Course](#)

Short Course Dates: May 12-14, 2014
Short Course Location: The Skeletal Research Center and the Department of Biology - Case Western Reserve University

June 2014

[2014 TERMIS-EU: Genova, Italy](#) Conference Dates: 10-13 June 2014
Conference Co-Chairs: Ranieri Cancedda, MD and Claudio Migliaresi, PhD

[5th International Conference on Tissue Engineering](#) Conference Dates:

June 20-25, 2014
Conference Location: Kos, Greece
Conference Co-Organizers: Wouter J.A. Dhert, Ph.D. (University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands), Sharon Gerecht, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland), John A. Jansen, Ph.D. (University Medical Center, The Netherlands), Antonios G. Mikos, Ph.D. (Rice University, Houston, Texas), Heungsoo Shin, Ph.D. (Hanyang University, South Korea), and Johnna S. Temenoff, Ph.D. (Georgia Tech/Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia)

August 2014

[Advances in Tissue Engineering Short Course](#)

Short Course Dates: August 13-16, 2014
Short Course Location: Rice University BioScience Research Collaborative

September 2014

[2014 TERMIS-AP: Daegu, South Korea](#)

Conference Dates: September 24-27, 2014
Conference Location: Daegu Exhibition & Convention Center (EXCO)
Conference Chairs: Jin Ho Lee, Ph.D. and Byoung Hyun Min, M.D.
Conference Program Chair: Grace J. Lim, Ph.D.

October 2014

[New Frontiers in Regenerative Medicine Symposium](#)

Symposium Dates: 16th & 17th October, 2014
Symposium Location: Radboud Auditorium, Geert Groteplein 15, Nijmegen
Symposium Organizers: John Jansen, Wouter Feitz, Roos Masereeuw, Willeke Daamen, Sander Leeuwenburgh & Adrian Cohen

December 2014

[2014 TERMIS-AM: Washington, DC](#)

Conference Dates: December 13-16, 2014
Conference Chair: John Fisher, PhD
Conference Program Chair: Jennifer Elisseff, PhD

September 2015

[2015 4th TERMIS World Congress](#)

Congress Dates: September 8-11, 2015
Congress Location: 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 University, 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

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**
