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Linking the international community of tissue engineers and regenerative medicine scientists

## Letter from the President

Dear TERMIS Members,

The TERMIS Governing Board has been very active this year establishing a more defined mission statement, diversity statement, Code of ethics policy including conflict of interest forms for the governance board and all officers of our TERMIS for best practices of the Society. These are now out with the Governing Board for decision and hopefully will soon be implemented. As the President of TERMIS, I indicated upon being elected that my goals were to work with the board, committees and past presidents to seek ways to ensure that processes are in place that will assist future board members and council members to benefit our society.

In January, I sent a message to all members outlining my goals for my tenure.

- I will honour my statement before the election to support the society of TERMIS globally including all chapters for improvement of governance and processes. I wish to bring harmonisation, including more alignment of chapter's processes and governance (along with thematic groups). This will need several changes to the bylaws to have them up to date with best practice and for that we the governance board will bring these changes to you, the members to vote on.
- In a next step I would like to develop roles and terms of reference for all positions in the TERMIS governance board including responsibilities such as editorial of the TERMIS web content with the chapter and global members at large – chapters being responsible for chapter information on the web and Global (through the Governing Board) for more global themes such as alignment of thematic
- David Williams (a past President) and Rui Reis (past President) worked on globalization, which still needs more work bringing in India, Russia, Latin America and Africa. Different modes may be required to undertake this work in different geographical and political areas. A good start was having Russia as International Guest nation at the recent successful TERMIS EU meeting in Rhodes.
- Connected to the two points above, I would like to see continuation in TERMIS EU and further development of chapter guest nations or regions for developing areas and with to work with the TERMIS governance board to develop this idea globally.
- I think FTERM is a great idea and currently gives public recognition to accomplished TERMIS members as fellows who are role models in the field. I believe though that the FTERM group needs also an active role and I would like to introduce a charter for the fellows with respect to active attendance of TERMIS congresses, participation in FTERM / presidential debates and symposia at our congresses. Naturally after retirement not all fellows can be as active and possibly an emeritus FTERM section could be introduced for this category of FTERM, as I introduced with the Fellows of International Orthopaedic Research ([FIOR](#)), which I founded in ICORS in recent years. I would use the International College of Fellows for the International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies ([ICORS](#)), which I set up as template for the first ideas.

groups, SYIS, BPC etc.

- I would like to see the Business Plan Competition (BPC) brought into the chapter governance and highly support this initiative from our younger members. The Industry day was excellent again at this world congress and continual support of this area to encourage translation and show successful examples as we saw this year from Tony Weiss our next president is vital for our society.
- I intend to introduce a method for national tissue engineering societies to affiliate to TERMIS chapters (In a similar way to European Society for Biomaterials (ESB), or International Combined Orthopaedic Research Societies (ICORS) where I am also heavily involved in the steering committee to strengthen TERMIS and connect these national societies in a global home. We have started to develop this through the very active strategic alliance committee of TERMIS EU and after it has developed, I hope other chapters will follow.

- Finally our future, youngsters / Student and Young Investigator Section (SYIS) will certainly get my support and the group empowered through chapters and conference support.

I would like to reiterate that if you as the members have ideas, issues, and concerns with our Society, to contact myself or Sarah Wilburn at any time. As members of the Society, we would like to receive your feedback to assist us in making TERMIS the best organization it can be.

The TERMIS-EU just conducted their annual conference in Rhodes, Greece, which was a great success and was attended by 1,306 people. The TERMIS-AP conference will be conducted in October in Brisbane, Australia and the TERMIS-AM conference will be held in Orlando, Florida in December. We look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the 2020 conferences (outlined below in the newsletter) as well as the 2021 TERMIS World Congress that will be held in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Sincerely,

R. Geoff Richards  
TERMIS President

## 2022 Conference Proposals

### TERMIS-AM 2022 Call for Conference Chairs

The Chapter has made a selection to host the 2022 TERMIS-AM conference in Seattle, Washington. TERMIS-AM is seeking program chairs to organize with the 2022 conference programming. The program chairs do not have to be from the Seattle area. The conference management team will assist the program chairs with the program planning and local conference arrangements. Please contact [swilburn@termis.org](mailto:swilburn@termis.org) if you are interested in completing a proposal application for consideration.

Conference Chair Proposals Due - **July 31, 2019**

### TERMIS-AP Call for Conference Proposals

The Chapter is seeking proposals to host the 2022 TERMIS-AP Conference. If you are interested in hosting the 2022 TERMIS-AP conference, please submit your request to Sarah Wilburn at [swilburn@termis.org](mailto: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 and selected and reviewed by the TERMIS-AP Council.

**The deadline for submitting proposals for the 2022 TERMIS-AP conference is Thursday, August 1, 2019.**

# Tissue Engineering

## First Impact Factors for Parts B and C!

*Tissue Engineering Reviews, Part B and Methods, Part C* are proud to announce first Impact Factors of **6.512\*** (Part B) and **2.638\*** (Part C). In addition, the flagship *Tissue Engineering, Part A* received a new impact factor of **3.616\***.

These achievements uphold the Journal's position as the leading peer-reviewed journal in its field. The *Tissue Engineering* portfolio has also had a significant increase in full-text article downloads—**over 50%**—year-to-date, is accessible in over 170 countries worldwide, and offers instant online publication within 72 hours of acceptance.

Make sure your manuscript has the impact and gets the attention it deserves by submitting to *Tissue Engineering* today. For complete instructions for authors, [click here](#).

\*2018 Journal Impact Factor, Journal Citation Reports (Web of Science Group, 2019)

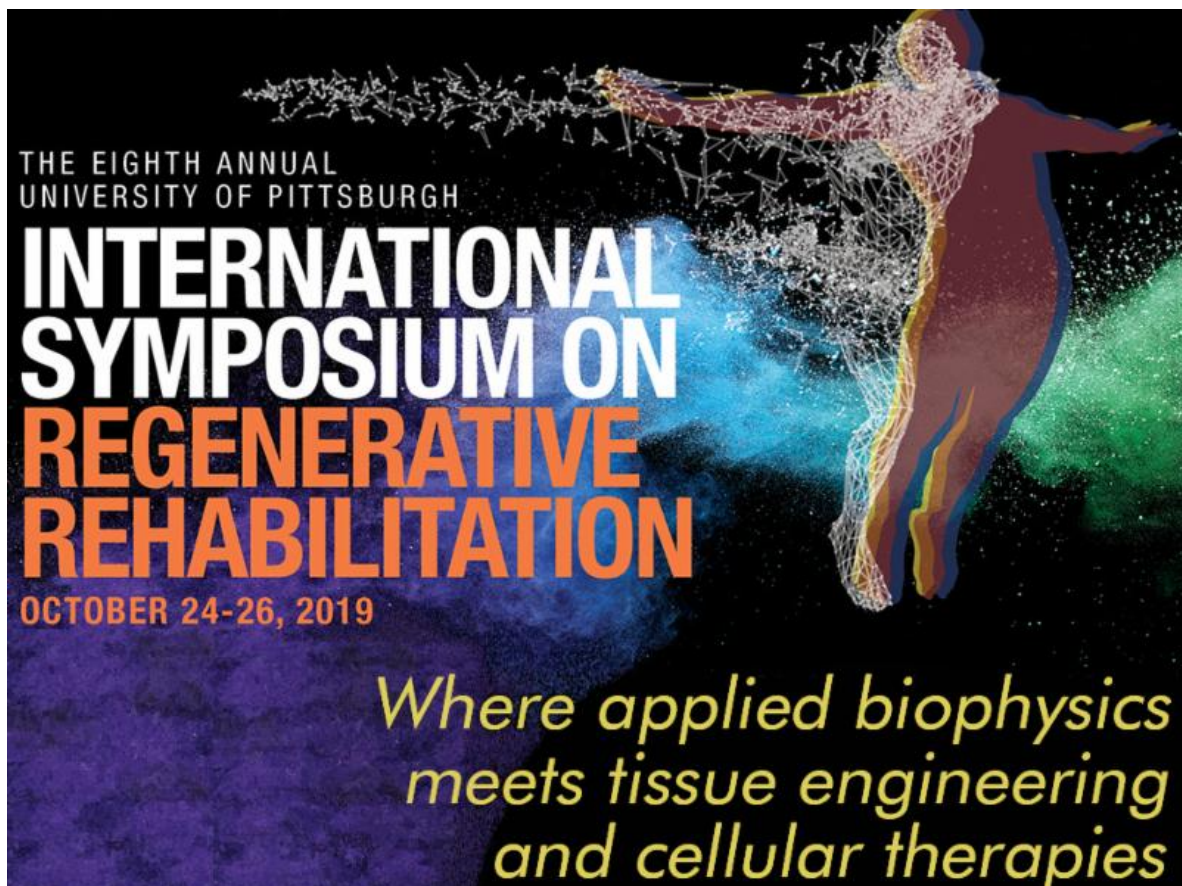
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## Employment Opportunities

### Current Job Openings

Members of TERMIS have an opportunity to post job openings on the TERMIS website free for 30 days. Please contact the [Executive Administrator](#) to post an opening.

Job Openings



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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

**INTERNATIONAL  
SYMPOSIUM ON  
REGENERATIVE  
REHABILITATION**

OCTOBER 24-26, 2019

*Where applied biophysics  
meets tissue engineering  
and cellular therapies*

# Thematic Groups

## Bioreactor Technologies Thematic Group (TG)

### SEEKING NEW LEADERS

TERMIS is seeking new leaders to reestablish the Bioreactor Technologies Thematic Group. If you are interested, please contact [the Executive Administrator](#).

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## TERMIS-EU Announcements

### Congratulations to the 2019 TERMIS-EU Award Recipients



#### Robert Brown Early Career Principal Investigator Award

##### *Prof. dr. Liesbet Geris*

Collen-Francqui Research professor in Biomechanics and Computational Tissue Engineering at the University of Liège and KU Leuven in Belgium



#### Career Achievement Award

##### *Prof. Rui Reis*

Vice-President for Research and Innovation of University of Minho, Portugal, Director of the 3B's Research Group - member of the I3Bs – Institute for Biomaterials, Biodegradables and Biomimetics, and Director of the ICVS/3B's Associate Laboratory, both of UMinho

### TERMIS-EU Summer/Winter School or Symposia Support Request Form

The submission of proposals for the EU to support a summer/winter school or a symposium will be accepted throughout the year. The council will review the submissions two times per year (1st March and 1st September) for consideration of support. Please note that when submitting your request, please ensure that the summer/winter school or symposia cannot be held within two months of the review deadlines.

[Form](#)

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# FIRM 2019

FUTURE INVESTIGATORS OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE



**23rd - 26th September**  
Hotel Cap Reig,  
Plaça d'ors, Costa  
Brava, Spain

A conference organized by early career researchers for PhD students and post-doctoral researchers in regenerative medicine.



Fundamental  
Biology



Enabling  
Technologies



Commercial



Biomaterials



Clinical  
Translation

## Keynotes:



Dr. Laura De Rosa  
Gene Therapy

University of  
Modena and  
Reggio Emilia



Prof. Liam Grover  
Biomaterials  
Science

University of  
Birmingham



Dr. Lisa White  
Stem cells and  
Biomaterials

University of  
Nottingham



Prof. Sheila MacNeil  
Tissue Engineering

University of  
Sheffield



Prof. Fergal O'Brien  
Bioengineering

Royal College of  
Surgeons in Ireland



Dr. Vito Mennella  
Biophysical imaging  
and molecular biology

University of  
Toronto

## Workshops:

- Publishing
- IP & Commercialisation
- CV clinic

## Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Early bird prices (£375): until 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019

[www.firmsymposium.com](http://www.firmsymposium.com)



## 2019 Chapter Conferences



Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine  
International Society – AP Chapter and  
the 7th Asian Biomaterials Congress

14 – 17 OCTOBER 2019  
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre,  
AUSTRALIA



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TERMIS-AP 2019

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ORLANDO, FL

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AMERICAS

DECEMBER 2 - 5, 2019  
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
& EXHIBITION

TRANSVERSAL, TRANSLATIONAL,  
& TRANSFORMATIVE

## 2020 Chapter Conferences Mark Your Calendars!

2020 TERMIS-EU – Manchester, United Kingdom

Conference Dates: 26-29 May 2020

Conference Location: Manchester Central Convention Center  
Conference Chairs: Prof. Sue Kimber & Prof. Sarah Cartmell  
Programme Chair: Dr. Stephen Richardson

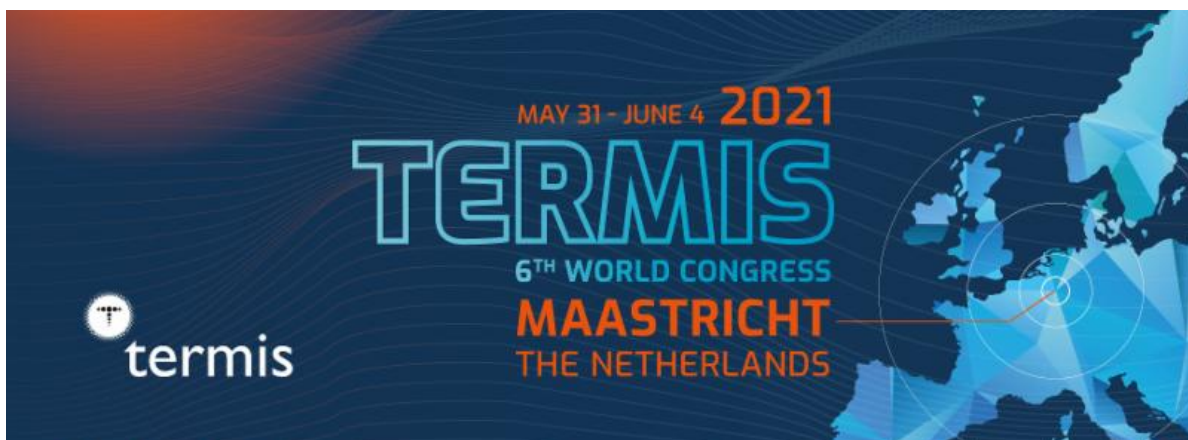
## 2020 TERMIS-AP – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Conference Dates: September 21-24, 2020  
Conference Location: Istana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur  
Conference Co-Chairs: Dr. Thamil Selvee Ramasamy, Dr. Angela Ng Min Hwei and Dr. Badrul Hisham Yahaya

## 2020 TERMIS-AM Conference - Toronto, ON, Canada

Conference Dates: December 13-16, 2020  
Conference Location: Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel  
Conference Co-Chairs: Prof. Alison McGuigan and Prof. Penney Gilbert

# 2021 TERMIS World Congress



## Mark your Calendar - 31 May - 4 June

The 6th TERMIS World Congress will be held in **Maastricht, The Netherlands** from **31 May - 4 June**.

The Conference Chairs:

Prof. dr. Lorenzo Moroni  
MERLN Institute - Maastricht University

Prof. dr. Liesbet Geris  
University of Liège – KU Leuven

Prof. dr. med. Stefan Jockenhövel  
RWTH University Aachen

## Meetings Endorsed by TERMIS

The meetings listed on the TERMIS website under Endorsed Meetings have been reviewed and approved by the TERMIS Endorsement Committee. If you are interested in TERMIS promoting your meeting, please complete the Endorsement Request Form.

[View Complete List of Endorsed Meetings](#)

# *Tissue Engineering* Resource Center

*Tissue Engineering* is the preeminent, biomedical journal advancing the field with cutting-edge research and applications on all aspects of tissue growth and regeneration. The Journal is proud to facilitate and advance research and communication across academia, industry, and government, as well as provide authors with tools to support their contribution to this evolving field of science.

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