

TERMIS Board Meeting
Shanghai International Convention Center
Monday, October 24, 2005
12:00PM

Attendees: Anthony Atala, Stephen Badylak, Ranieri Cancedda, Steven Goldstein, Jöns Hilborn, Jeffrey Hubbell, Hai Bang Lee, Il-Woo Lee, Mona Marei, Geoff McKeller, Robert Nerem, Teruo Okano, Buddy Ratner, Rui Reis, Alan Russell, Yasuhiko Tabata, David Williams

Conference Call: Ivan Martin, David Smith, Gerjo van Osch

Other: Sarah Wilburn

The meeting began at 12:05PM.

Dr. Russell began the meeting by thanking the Continental Chairs and the Continental Chapter Councils for their hard work over the last couple of days for resolving several key issues in TERMIS.

Appointments

The Board concurred in the appointment of Nick Rhodes to serve as Treasurer, and Shin-Yong Moon to serve as World Congress Meeting Chair – 2009 Korea.

The motion was moved, duly seconded, and all voted in favor to create a position (Special Congress Chair – Yilin Cao) and for the chair of the previous World Congress to serve on the Governing Board in an ex officio capacity to assist in the preparations of the upcoming World Congress. The Special Congress Chair will serve a term of three (3) years.

Board Members appointed to oversee certain activities of the Society: Journal Interface – Stephen Badylak. Board members were asked to consider accepting appointments to oversee Newsletter, Marketing (logo), Website, Membership Coordinator, Institutional Sponsors, and Endorsements.

Finances

The European and North American Continental Councils approved the decision to collect membership dues throughout the year and through registrations fees at the annual regional meetings and the World Congress. The system of collecting membership dues in this manner will be tested over an 18 month period and reevaluated.

The Asian-Pacific Continental Council continues to discuss this issue amongst the Council Members to develop a system for collecting dues within their regions.

Nick Rhodes, the TERMIS Treasurer, will create a budget that reflects the inflows and outflows of between TERMIS and the Continental Chapters.

Nominating Committee Suggestions

Each Continental Council is to provide two to three (2-3) names of individuals to populate the Nominating Committee. All positions are to be filled by January 1, 2006.

Regional Meeting Locations

The regional Councils have coordinated with each other to make sure that the annual meetings will not be held within the same time frame. The 2007 Meeting locations are as follows:

Asia-Pacific: September or October in Tokyo, Japan – Meeting Chair: Teruo Okano

Europe: Early September in London, England, United Kingdom – Meeting Chair: Robert Brown

North America: Early June in Toronto, Ontario, Canada – Meeting Chair: TBD

The Councils have begun to accept proposals for possible locations for the 2008 regional meetings.

Asia-Pacific: September or October in Singapore or Australia

Europe: Flexible with the dates held in Portugal, Austria or Germany

North America: Early December in San Francisco, California

All Meeting Chairs are to be determined by January 1, 2006.

Student Chapter

All Continental Councils have agreed to the formation of a Student Chapter of TERMIS.

TERMIS-NA

The name of the North American Chapter Council will remain TERMIS-North America. All Councils encourage the Spanish Society of Histology and Tissue Engineering to join TERMIS, but not as a separate Chapter. The members of the Spanish Society from Spain and Portugal will be invited to join TERMIS-EU; the Latin American and South American members invited to become members of the Emerging Countries.

International Registry for Patient Trials and Products

All Councils supported the creation of an international registry database for patient trials and products. David Williams has volunteered to coordinate the initial activity of creating the database.

Publications

The journal, *Tissue Engineering*, will remain the official journal of TERMIS, however, the Society is interested in offers from publishers to endorse other journals. Stephen Badylak has volunteered to interface with Mary Ann Liebert.

World Congress & Regional Meetings

The Meetings Committee, once composed, will produce a set of guidelines that all meeting hosts must follow to maintain the look and feel of every meeting. The idea was set forth that a professional organization be hired to plan the meetings, especially the World Congress, due to the increase in attendance, in turn, increasing the costs.

Trademark

David Smith will look into trade marking TERMIS.

The motion to adjourn was duly seconded, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Smith
TERMIS Secretary