



## Message from the Student Representatives

### Upcoming events:

- \* TERMIS-EU Meeting at Rotterdam, October 8-11, 2006
- \* Q&A Session in SYIS Forum: TBA
- \* SYIS Elections: November, 2006

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the TERMIS-SYIS newsletter! It has been an exciting and happening eleven months since we started on this journey of building up the student and young investigator's section of TERMIS. SYIS began as an over-the-lunch meeting amongst a few enthusiastic students and post-doctoral researchers who were attending the 8th Annual Meeting of TESI in Shanghai, October, 2005. Following several months of brainstorming and exchange of ideas, SYIS was formalized at the Regenerate World Congress in April, 2006.

### The evolution of TERMIS-SYIS

The 8th TESI Annual Meeting in Shanghai, China (October 22-25, 2005) presented a unique opportunity for student and post-doctoral researchers in Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine to organize themselves as a part of TERMIS. The **Student and Young Investigator Section (SYIS)** of TERMIS was defined to further the aims and objectives of TERMIS regarding student research and education. TERMIS-SYIS provides a platform for the "next generation" of scientists and engineers in the field of tissue engineering and

As SYIS moves forward, we strive to build up a larger base by encouraging student participation from various universities across different countries and continents. Since scientific and professional development of SYIS members is critical to our mission, several activities are being planned for SYIS members only at the upcoming TERMIS-EU meeting in Rotterdam, The Netherlands later this month. Please visit the [TERMIS-SYIS website](#) for updates!

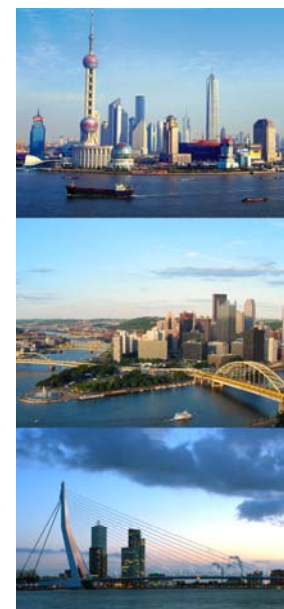
The first elections for various offices of TERMIS-SYIS are sched-

uled to be held in November, 2006. It is an excellent opportunity for SYIS members to refine their management and leadership skills as well as to develop valuable leadership and communication skills through organizing tasks, managing resources, and motivating others. We look forward for your participation in SYIS activities and your valuable contribution to a continued active and dynamic section of TERMIS.

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regenerative medicine to interact. SYIS aims to further the professional and scientific development of its members.

TERMIS-SYIS was formalized at the Regenerate World Congress that was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania this past April. Currently, there are over 500 members worldwide with over 30 countries represented. SYIS elections will take place this November. Please refer to Section 3 of the newsletter for more information on the elections.



## Membership & Benefits

We welcome students (full-time graduates or undergraduates) and young investigators of any academic discipline who have educational, research, or practical interests in the fields of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine to be members of TERMIS-SYIS. Young investigators must have been awarded their doctoral degree within the past 3 years and should not be holding an appointment as a faculty or academic staff in a university/research institute.

To encourage participation by students, the Society has reduced the annual membership fee to US\$ 25. Fees are exempted for students from several emerging countries and for those who attend one of the annual TERMIS meetings (when membership is complimentary). All current and new membership would expire on De-

ember 31, 2007.

Being part of a worldwide organization whose benefits are geared specifically to the needs of the tissue engineering and regenerative medicine community, SYIS members have the opportunity to share information and support, gain experience in being part of a professional organization and develop leadership skills. You have the opportunity to take advantage of exclusive benefits like:

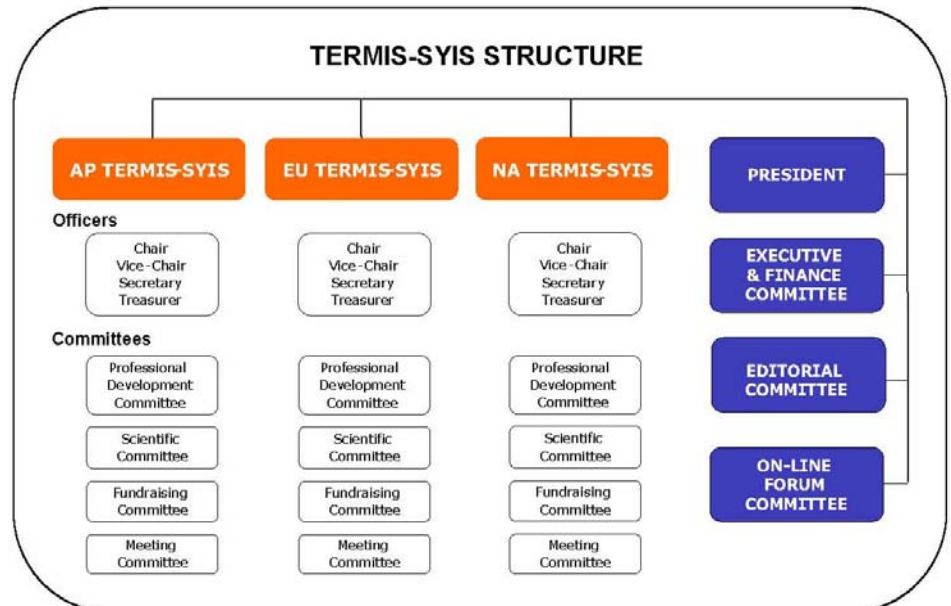
- \* Free online access to the Society's official journal, *Tissue Engineering*
- \* One year complimentary subscription to *Genetic Engineering News*.
- \* The Society's quarterly newsletter "interLink" and the *SYIS' e-newsletter*.
- \* Reduced registration fees and student travel

awards for the meetings/conferences sponsored or endorsed by the Society;

- \* Exclusive access to the online SYIS forum and discussion boards for scientific exchange;
- \* Free access and posting of career opportunities on TERMIS website and SYIS forum;
- \* Professional recognition: Student poster/presentation competitions at annual meeting & annual awards that recognize SYIS members' outstanding research contributions to TEGRM (per region);
- \* Leadership opportunities to help refine management and leadership skills as well as to develop valuable leadership and communication skills through organizing tasks, managing resources, and motivating others.

## Structure & Elections

We are now actively seeking enthusiastic and motivated members to assist with SYIS. The success of SYIS is dependent upon effective and imaginative leaders to stimulate student membership and involvement. If you are interested in running for any of the positions available, please email Ms. Sarah Wilburn at [swilburn@termis.org](mailto:swilburn@termis.org) with your name, the position that you are interested in, and a brief paragraph of your qualifications and why you are interested in running for a certain position. Elections for the various positions in TERMIS-SYIS are to be held in November 2006.



## Activities @ Regenerate World Congress: A round-up

The Regenerate World Congress that was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (April 24-27, 2006)

had several SYIS-sponsored activities. SYIS-members from the University of Pittsburgh

worked closely with the conference organizers to offer several activities exclusively for SYIS

members. The highlights of some of these events include: a "Student Meet Mentors" event where students and young investigators had an opportunity to network with world renowned academic and industrial investigators; a "Professional Development Workshop" that

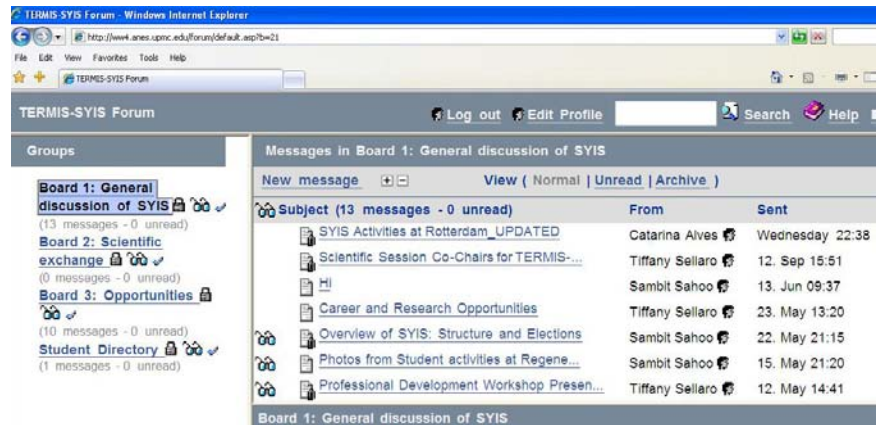
focused on formulating and giving a scientific presentation to an international audience, and a "Career Center". In addition to these main events, several other social events were held which provided an opportunity for SYIS members to network in an informal setting.

All of the events were very well attended and provided an opportunity to further the professional and scientific development of SYIS members.

## Online Forum

To provide a platform that fosters the interaction of SYIS members worldwide, a web-based Online Forum has been created. The goal of the forum is to promote networking and scientific brainstorming, which can ultimately enhance the professional and scientific development of SYIS members. Apart from the job postings in the TERMIS website, SYIS members can also post and access various graduate and post-doc research opportunities in the SYIS forum.

[http://www.mirm.pitt.edu/termis\\_syis](http://www.mirm.pitt.edu/termis_syis)



## Upcoming Activities

In continuity with the activities held in the Regenerate World Congress at Pittsburgh, SYIS will be organizing several events at the TERMIS-EU Continental Meeting at Rotterdam in October. Professional development and networking will be promoted by a host of scientific and social events that include: a SYIS-Reception, a SYIS general-assembly meeting, a

workshop on technical writing, a guided poster tour, poster prizes, round-table discussions between students and mentors, and lastly the opportunity to co-chair scientific sessions with some of the leaders in regenerative medicine and tissue engineering. The participation and interest of all SYIS members will outline the success of this initiative.

For information on the activities please consult the [TERMIS-SYIS Webpage](#), or e-mail the organizing committee:

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## Regenerative Medicine Podcast

The regenerative medicine podcast is published bi-weekly and features scientists and clinicians who are preeminent in regenerative medicine research and clinical translation.

There are 18 interviews currently available at [www.regenerativemedicinetoday.com](http://www.regenerativemedicinetoday.com); you can download interviews to your PC, or subscribe

to the RSS feed on your iPod or PC. Use the TERMIS-SYIS discussion forum to share opinions on the interviews.

There is an opportunity to participate in a "regenerative medicine today" feedback survey and be eligible to win a McGowan Institute fleece vest.



## Sponsorship Information

Companies can become Silver, Gold or Platinum Sponsors of TERMIS-SYIS at annual rates of USD 500, 1000 and 1500 respectively. Apart from having the companies' logo, advertisements and job openings posted on the SYIS

website and newsletters, sponsors can also look forward to increased visibility at SYIS events, both online and at various Society meetings in the form of conference booths and student awards. Interested companies may contact

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