



SYIS – STUDENT MEET MENTOR

Gerjo van Osch

Gerjo van Osch studied Medical Biology and received a PhD in 1994 on mouse models for osteoarthritis. Thereafter she became involved in cartilage tissue engineering. Since 1995 she is working at Erasmus MC in Rotterdam. She is appointed as associated professor and co- heading a multidisciplinary research group that consists of approx. 20 researchers. The main focus of the research is pathogenesis and treatment of degenerative connective tissue disorders. Cell biology, mechanical engineering, molecular biology, histology and imaging are used in cell- and tissue culture as well as animal and clinical studies. The main focus of the research is controlling cellular phenotype and improving extracellular matrix tissue properties. She is a member of the TERMIS-EU council and actively involved in the International Cartilage Repair Society. She has organized the TERMIS-EU meeting in 2006.