



TCES Committee Meeting minutes

Meeting online via Teams

Monday 28th April 2025, 10-12

1. CHAIR WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (SC)

SC welcomed MS and SS and introduced the committee.
Apologies noted from:

Lisa White (LW)	Secretary
Nick Evans (NE)	TCES Net & Awards and website
James Phillips (JP)	External Relations
Jon Dawson (JD)	Travel Bursaries
Nicholas Forsyth (NF)	Treasurer
James Armstrong (JA)	TCES 2025 Chair

2. TCES 2025 (AH)

As per report attached plus following comments:

Only 1 Robert Brown applicant. JA will pick up with NE about checking CV for RB award.

ACTION: MS and SS to send AH and JA slide to promote Brighton 2026 meeting

ACTION: TCES committee and research teams to register for TCES meeting asap

ACTION: AH to send TCES committee hold slot for TCES committee 10-12 on Wed 18th June.

3. TCES 2026 (MS/SS)

Dates will be over 3 days and not 2 so dates will be altered (half day full day and then half day)

TCES logo to be used. SC has sent logo to MS and SS.

3 themes presented welcomed by TCES committee as aligned with translational mission of TCES

Speakers proposed to be invited are welcomed by TCES committee and approved.

ACTION: AH to include timeline of meeting considerations / date planning in conference liaison handbook and to include info on other annual meetings that occur at same time of year so clashes can be avoided eg UKSB, TERMIS EU, Davos orthopaedic meeting

4. INDUSTRIAL LIASION ACTION UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING (VH/HMS) Annexe 1

As per annexe 1 below plus following comments:

AH suggested include in webinar 2 or 3 clinical research organisation (CRO) and related jobs such as clinical trial assistant (CTA) or clinical research associates (CRA).

SC suggested to spread out workshops over 2 years maybe two a year to distribute workload. Mahi suggested that we have 3 webinars one every 4 months as well as one embedded in conference.

HMS suggested that we record the webinar and put on website. MA suggested website needs to be updated to ensure we have visibility.

SC suggested to link in with other groupings that also align to these wishes such as CDTs or MHRA in this area.

MA discussed issues with GDPR on storing industry contact info from survey proposed and that could be in line with organ on a chip network system. HMS suggested this was intended to be closed database held by industry working group. VH suggested interaction with linkedin TCES to help promote. HE has agreed to join working group.

ACTION: VH / AH contact MS and SS to include industry session in programme and to include this item info for future TCES meeting programmes in conference liaison handbook.

ACTION: VH / HMS to include industry plan update on TCES AGM in Bristol and final slide at end of Bristol meeting

5. INTERNATIONAL ONLINE EXCHANGE WORKSHOP 2025 (SC) Annexe 2

As per annexe 2 and ASBTE folder in this teams section plus following comments:

ACTION: SC prepare slides for interational ASBTE to promote this workshop in Bristol

ACTION: SC approach JP to take on role of assisting coordinating ASBTE:TCES workshop

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING & PRIORITY ACTIONS (SC)

As per actions below updated

7. TREASURERS REPORT (NF)

As per report attached plus following comments:
We will keep advertised free article waiver in newsletter.

8. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT (HB)

Membership stable at 167 paid. 106 students 61 full
19 new in 2025.

9. TCESNET MEETINGS / AWARDS (NE)

This has been progressed on email offline

10. AOB

As AH is leaving the committee, the conference liaison role and EDIA role needs picking up

ACTION: SC to send NE text to advertise two new TCES full committee members to include potential remit of conference liaison and edia

SC asked who from the committee was attending TCES in Bristol as she had noted about a. third of the committee had not attended the Glasgow TCES meeting. Whilst there are some mitigation circumstances that maybe arising for some, committee members are asked to priortse attendance at the full TCES meeting each year as part of their role as it a key aspect of the Society.

It was noted that LW, HE, AH, SR, EK were not planning to attend and VH was a maybe. Only SC, HB, HMS, MA and CT from the committee confirmed attendance so far. SC will check with JP, JD, NF, NE if they are attending as they could attend todays committee meeting.

ACTION:SC check if JP, JD, NF, NE are attending TCES Bristol meeting.

TCES Committee Members

Sarah Cartmell (SC)	President
Lisa White (LW)	Secretary
Nick Evans (NE)	TCES Net & Awards and website
Helen Berry (HB)	Membership Secretary
Hoda Eltaher (HE)	Postdoctoral Representative and Social Media. ECR rep on industrial working group as of April 2025.
James Phillips (JP)	External Relations
Araida Hidalgo-Bastida (AH)	Conference/EDIA
Stephen Richardson (SR)	Student Recruitment
Jon Dawson (JD)	Travel Bursaries
Vanessa Hearden (VH)	Awards Review and Industrial liason member
Nicholas Forsyth (NF)	Treasurer
Hadi Mirmalek-Sani (HMS)	Industrial Liaison
Emma Kelly (EK)	Postgraduate Representative and Social Media
Mahetab Amer (MA)	Newsletter
Caroline Taylor (CT)	Postdoctoral Representative

Invited:

James Armstrong (JA) TCES 2025 Chair

Matteo Santin (MS) and Susan Sandeman (SS) TCES 2026 Chairs

Annexe 1:

Dear TCES committee,

We are emailing ahead of our next committee meeting (28th April) to capture your feedback and approval for our plans for TCES Industrial Engagement.

Attached is the proposed action plan that Hadi and I have drafted over a series of meetings. Either at or ahead of the meeting we would like:

- Feedback on the proposal
- Approval from the committee to go ahead with the proposed activities
- An ECR volunteer to join our industrial liaison team as the ECR representative

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact Hadi or myself.

Best wishes,

Vanessa

TCES Industry Liaison Action Plan

Vanessa Hearnden and Hadi Mirmalek-Sani - April 2025

Aim: To facilitate engagement between industry and our community to increase collaborations, open up opportunities and engage with those outside academia.

1. Creation of the 'TCES Industry Working Group'

Proposed WG structure:

Vanessa - cover profit companies, tools and consumables, meeting sponsors

Hadi - cover not-for profit bodies, agencies, regulatory

ECR to be recruited to support WG activities/database

2. Webinars

Proposed webinar structure:

Panel introductions (5 mins)

Panel discussion (30 mins)

- What are you looking for when you hire employees or collaborate with academia?
- How do you think AI and automation will impact your industry?
- What do you think are the upcoming trends or directions in the field of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine we should be aware of?

Attendee questions (15 mins)

TCES promotion (5 mins)

Webinar 1- Agencies/not-for profit E.g. MHRA, Catapults, Medicines Discovery, HRA etc. October 2025 Host: Hadi	Webinar 2- For profit (therapies/pharma) E.g. Electrosinning Company, Tissue and Cell Technologies, February 2026 Host: Vanessa
Webinar 3 - Associated professions E.g. Patent attorney, editor, writer May 2026 Host: ECR representative	Session 4 - For profit (consumables, lab wear) E.g. Meeting sponsors Within 2026 annual meeting Host: Meeting host

3. Database

- Establish a database of contacts at relevant industries and agencies to support TCES activities (eg. webinars, meeting sponsorship) and to aid our community members.
- The database will contain information from the public domain or consent will be obtained to store contact information (in line with GDPR).
- Database will be accessible to committee members and to TCES members upon reasonable request.

4. Survey

Survey distributed to those we are engaging with or want to engage with to:

- Ask how they and their company would like to interact with TCES
- Invite them to be a part of webinars/career spotlight etc.
- Get consent for their details to be held in database
- Capture views on trends and new directions in our field from different perspectives.

Annexe 2:

Summary of discussion on 17/04/25; Sarah Cartmell (Manchester), Daniel Heath (University of Melbourne), Ferry Melchels (UNISA):

- ~1 hour on line workshop on Monday 18th August 2025 (8am UK time / ~4.30-6pm Australiasia).
- Organisational meeting to discuss final details for presenters on Thursday 24th July (8am UK time – teams invite already sent to Daniel and Ferry but we can extend to others as needed)
- EOI for presenters 14th July
- Both Societies collate potential collaborative grant funding info (some info already attached that we have already gathered for Melbourne and Manchester, old dates but schemes still running so we can use as a base)
- Daniel / Ferry to send Sarah ASBTE slide / promotional info to use

- Sarah to send TCES slide promo (please find attached)

Updated text we could make use of:

The UK Tissue and Cell Engineering Society (<https://tces.org> [tces.org]) – The Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering (<https://www.asbte.org>) joint research networking workshop PhD/Postdoctoral fellows

We are pleased to announce a UK-Australasia networking on line workshop hosted by TCES and ASBTE in the field of biomaterials, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. This workshop is on Monday 18th August 2025 (8-9am UK time / ~4.30-6pm Australia).

Presenters will provide 5 minute presentations to attendees. The chat function online will be used by delegates to write questions and provide feedback for the presenters. This meeting is ideal for researchers fostering collaboration or networking to place themselves competitively for applications for travel / exchange funding from [International Exchanges](https://royalsociety.org) [\[royalsociety.org\]](https://royalsociety.org) (Royal Society) and/or mobility schemes from the xxxx list other grants herexxx

For details and to register email xxxcontact details herexxx

Actions from last meeting:

ACTION: JA to send SC, NF and AH excel spreadsheet of breakdown of predicted costs for advice. JA to consider increasing registration fee to 2024 levels to reduce risk.
Actioned

ACTION: JA send NE and SC info on advertising of conference on website and social media.
Actioned

ACTION: AH to include info on early registration date in conference handbook to ensure organiser knows typical number of delegates attending in good time. Also include info to 'please enquire for day rate' on conference website. Also include that ARI Abstract sponsorship deal that runs through to end of 2031 and publishing costs are paid for.
Actioned and circulated to all TCES committee

ACTION: JA to offer THRT poster / leaflet opportunity or similar.
Actioned

ACTION: VA and HM collate proposal for new industry working group – terms of reference and priority actions
Actioned see agenda item

ACTION: SR to check the website for MSc details and send NE the new info to replace existing outdated information
Ongoing

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As above

ACTION: SC contact Felicity Rose to see if there is anything to be circulated on regen hub impact
Actioned

ACTION: Committee to feedback topics for training opportunities in AI that is relevant to TCES
Actioned – incorporated in industrial workshop / webinar topics

ACTION: SC email JA about meet the mentor session "Our initial focus will be on setting up a mentoring scheme for ECRs and workshops covering topics such as grant writing and careers coaching. TCES 2025 <https://tces2025.co.uk/> [tces2025.co.uk] will have a "meet-the-mentor" session, and networking events on the first two nights."
Actioned

ACTION: VH and HM include •16% said they would like workshops on Market Engagement, Start Ups and Career Pathways Beyond PhDs topic for discussion in their industry working group plan

ECRs said they wished help with grant writing etc. VA said they use <https://peak-writing.com/training>. EJ suggested

[innovation/innovation-cup.html?utm_source=paid&utm_medium=HeyS&utm_id=IC2022](https://www.tces.org.uk/innovation/innovation-cup.html?utm_source=paid&utm_medium=HeyS&utm_id=IC2022)

Actioned see agenda item

ACTION: JD search for existing Fellowships, Grant Writing and Mentorships training. Info to promote can be included in TCES newsletters.

Actioned

Organisations and resources for training or mentorship in grant and fellowship writing.

- UKRI (UK Research & Innovation): Regularly has calls and sometimes host grant writing webinars for specific calls. [Apply for funding – UKRI \[ukri.org\]](https://www.ukri.org/funding/apply-for-funding/)
- EMBO (European Molecular Biology Organization): Offers fellowships and often workshops on grant writing. [EMBO – Conferences & training \[embo.org\]](https://www.embo.org/conferences-and-training/)
- Nature Masterclasses: Some institutions have free access. They also offer occasional free sessions. [Persuasive Grant Writing | Nature Masterclasses \[masterclasses.nature.com\]](https://www.masterclasses.nature.com/)
- Stanford's Grant Writing Academy: Offers resources online as well as boot camps open to international researchers - [Events - Grant Writing Academy - Grant Writing Academy \[grantwriting.stanford.edu\]](https://grantwriting.stanford.edu/events/)
- UK Universities and funding charities: Sometimes publish recordings of grant training workshops

ACTION: EJ to send pdf to ARI and cc AH, Glasgow team and SC.

Actioned

ACTION: SC organise website meeting with SR and NE to update and refresh content
Actioned - Araida checked publishing 2024 meeting abstracts but criteria changed during year and no longer in correct format so unable to publish now

ACTION: HB to check to see if abstract formatting possible for publication

ACTION: SC create a 'how to send a newsletter' guide and send to committee

Actioned

ACTION: SC to contact Al Sloan to set up meeting

Actioned, see agenda item

Following sent on 23rd Jan

Hi Al (ccing Daniel and Andrea for info,

I hope you are well! I remember that when we met just before Christmas we had a chat about potentially setting up an hour webinar between UK Tissue and Cell Engineering Society (<https://tces.org>) and the Australian Equivalent (<https://www.asbte.org>?) so that PhDs and PDRAs from each of our country society's could share their work via flash presentations with each other and PIs could make connections for future collaboration. We did a similar webinar with Japan last year (see details in pic attached) that was very well attended and several successful contacts created as a result (an example is that I have submitted a JSPS travel grant application with a new Professor connection in Tokyo I made as a result of the meeting).

Do you think the society would be interested in hosting such a meeting?

If so we could set up a discussion with the president of the society / relevant committee members?

We were thinking of an April date for the meeting to take advantage of the daylight savings time that comes in end of March. I am aware that 22-24 April is the ASBTE meeting in Brisbane though? Our TCES meeting is 18-20th June in Bristol.

Let us know what you think and if there is interest?

BW

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ACTION: SC to ask Manchester admin team for help for setting up repository.

Actioned

Repository Folders

Committee meeting minutes

AGM

Society Meetings

History

Awards

Marketing

GDPR

Logos

MSc courses

Newsletters

Website

How to send a newsletter

Email

Treasurer

Meeting Host information

Handbook

Rotating slides

Certificates

ACTION: MA to update newsletter and send to SC asap by Friday 17th Jan

Actioned

ACTION: SC to circulate newsletter to TCES members

Actioned

ACTION SC to contact Matteo Santin Brighton to chase on TCES 2026 hosting

Actioned

ACTION: Chase TERMIS MoU (SC)

SC chased in January and April 2025, no response yet. Abhay Pandit, president ccd in last April email.

On 22/4/25 SC received this reply from Paul Wieringa from Maastricht:

"Dear Sarah,

You've caught me on Eastern vacation, but I'll try to follow up quickly.

First, Susanne's term on the council has ended and I am following up in her place. Unfortunately, I had severe IT issues in the beginning of the year, so many emails slipped through the net. Apologies for this.

There is interest in the TCES MoU but this also triggered a lot of discussion. There's been some confusion and a little frustration with the past MoUs we've arranged in terms of what they actually lead to.

I see a lot of benefit and possibilities for formal relationships between national/regional TERM communities and TERMIS-EU, but this will differ compared to other societies. I would like to sit with some of you to understand what would really be meaningful.

Would that be possible?

Ideally, it would be great to bring a few societies together for a larger discussion. Which, of course, comes with scheduling challenges. But let me know if this sounds interesting and if there's something in particular you think would be useful for your upcoming meeting.

Best,
Paul"

ACTION: SR to reach out to Paul Wieringa in TERMIS committee regarding TCES MoU before TERMIS EU meeting

ACTION: NF let JD that ~£6k available for potential TERMIS ring fenced travel awards 2025 and discuss potential allocation plan

Actioned

Thanks Nick - this is only for TERMIS presumably? Normal TCES travel awards to other conferences are given on a rolling basis at a fixed rate.

In relation to TERMIS are you suggesting an enhanced award for certain applicants, or to see how many we get in and distribute equally at whatever the budget allows?

Jon

From: Forsyth, Nicholas <nicholas.forsyth@abdn.ac.uk>
Sent: 24 January 2025 14:43
To: Jon Dawson <jd@soton.ac.uk>
Cc: Sarah Cartmell <sarah.cartmell@manchester.ac.uk>
Subject: TCES TERMIS Travel Bursary

CAUTION: This e-mail originated outside the University of Southampton.

Hi Jon,

Following on from the last TCES committee meeting I took an action to let you know what budget we had remaining for dedicated TERMIS Bursary support.

We received £12K and awarded 13 x £700 = £9,100. This leaves us with a remainder of £2.9K. (apologies Sarah, I forgot we made 13 awards and not the 10 as I indicated). This means that we can make 4 more awards at this level should we choose to, which I believe we are. We could award less and make more awards as its in Europe this time. 6 X £500 would work well.

Thoughts,

Nick

ACTION: NF to remind MA about this item to be included in newsletters. MA Include in newsletters.

Actioned

Action: NE to send SC readvertisement with closing date of 28th Feb (see advert ready to go below)

- 1. Robert Brown award was made to Caroline Taylor. Her profile is on our website <https://tces.org/tces-membership/tces-awardsprizes/robert-brown-award-winners/> [tces.org] and she has been offered mentoring.*

- a. *The new Robert Brown call will go out when the abstract deadline for TCES 2025 is known*
2. *Adam Curtis Award will come out shortly (see info below) with deadline of 30th April*

Actioned

Action: NE to send advert for Adama Curtis Award ready to go via SC / LW

Actioned

ACTION: EJ to set up Blue Sky and Instagram accounts for TCES to promote our activity.

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