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From the editors

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We are always looking for articles of interest to the TCES community which may include conference reviews, research news or hot topics. We welcome your contributions!

FOCUS – In July the annual TCES meeting will take place at the University of Liverpool, hosted by the Clinical Engineering Research Group within the Institute of Ageing and Chronic Disease. This [Focus article](#) written by Dr Judith Curran describes the interests and activities of the group.

TCES Meeting 2012

[4-6th July 2012, University of Liverpool](#). Abstract submission extended to Tuesday 1st May

New Funding Opportunity: £1000 for [Short Term Scientific Missions](#)

TCES has introduced a new scheme to provide doctoral students or early postdocs with an opportunity for short term training at one of the specialised groups in the UK. This will also enable transfer of technology between groups and facilitate collaboration leading to grant applications and joint publications

New [Essay Competition](#)

In order to foster interaction and recognition for young and emerging TCES researchers, we are offering an exciting new essay competition.

In2science – *This placement scheme may be of interest to TCES members*

In2scienceUK is a non-profit organisation which provides placements for gifted A-level students from underprivileged backgrounds. The scheme works to leverage the commitment, passion and experience of scientists to ensure the brightest pupils have the opportunity to experience research science first hand, regardless of their wealth. Students work alongside practising scientists for a 2 week placement during the summer, giving students an insight into scientific research. More information: www.in2scienceuk.org

TCES Travel Bursaries – a maximum of £150 is provided to TCES members (post-graduate and post-doctoral researchers) to help promote tissue and cell engineering research. To be eligible to apply, you must have had an abstract accepted for a conference (national or international) which is relevant to the TCES. Applicants who receive an award will have to write a short summary about the conference for the TCES newsletter. Application forms and further details are available via the [TCES website](#). Links to summaries from some recent beneficiaries of TCES Travel Bursaries are listed below.

TERMIS EU 2011, Granada, Spain, June 2011:

[Richard Balint \(Manchester\)](#)

[Araida Hidalgo \(Manchester\)](#)

[Niina Hopper \(Cambridge\)](#)

TERMIS NA 2011, Houston, USA, December 2011:

[Laura McNamara \(Glasgow\)](#)

European Society for Biomaterials, Dublin, Ireland, Sept 2011:

[Mel Georgiou \(Open University\)](#)

Peripheral Nerve Society, Potomac, Maryland, USA, June 2011:

[Juliet Bell \(Sheffield\)](#)

Applications of Surface and Interface Analysis, Cardiff, Sept 2011:

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