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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the fifteenth news and events bulletin issued by the UK National Stem Cell Network (UKNSCN). These bulletins are circulated on a regular basis (now monthly) when there are sufficient events to publicise, and are also posted in PDF format on the events section of the UKNSCN website - see(<http://www.uknscn.org/events/index.html>). These communications are complemented by more formal UKNSCN Newsletters which are also available to download from the website. You have received this communication by virtue of your inclusion in the UKNSCN's correspondence list, which UKNSCN operates in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Your E-mail address appears on this list either because you requested it or for one of the following reasons:

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- you have attended Research Council science workshops in the past
- you are known to the Network secretariat as an active member of the UK stem cell research community
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NEWS

UKNSCN REVIEW AND COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The independent review of the UKNSCN has now been completed. Following cancellation of the Town Meeting on 20 January through lack of demand, the review consultants People Science and Policy Limited have delivered presentations on their report to both the Network's sponsors and the UKNSCN Steering Committee. Lord Patel, Chair of the UKNSCN Steering Committee, has accepted the review's recommendations and the sponsors will now begin implementing the recommendations. They will report their progress to the community at the UKNSCN Annual Science Meeting in Oxford on 6-8 April. The full review report remains available for downloading from the UKNSCN website at the following link:

[UKNSCN Review Report \(41pages\)](#)

You are reminded that nominations for **a new Chairman** and **five new members of the Steering Committee** remain valid and will be accepted until 27 February at the following e-mail address: UKNSCN.Nominations@bbsrc.ac.uk. These nominations will be used to help populate the future UKNSCN Scientific Advisory Committee proposed in the review's recommendations.

UKNSCN SECOND ANNUAL SCIENCE MEETING - 53 DAYS TO GO! ** REGISTER NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT **

DATE: 6-8 APRIL 2009

VENUE: EXAMINATION SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK

The UKNSCN Steering Committee reminds you that on-line registration for the UKNSCN's second scientific conference is available through the website link below. Up to **500** delegate places are available (including accommodation for the nights of 6th and 7th April in the surrounding Oxford colleges), and registration is open to researchers outside the UK. The conference again includes provision for exhibitors and poster presentations, further details for which are available through the registration website. There is a registration fee for delegates and exhibitors. Exhibitors who have registered so far include BD Biosciences, Eppendorf, Zeiss, BioSpherix, Accuri Cytometers, East of England Stem Cell Network, Invitrogen, LabTech International, Miltenyi Biotec Ltd, Peprotech EC Ltd, UK Stem Cell Bank, PerkinElmer Ltd, Millipore, ORF Genetics, Sanyo E&E Europe BV, Sigma-Aldrich, BioTrove Inc. etc.etc.

[Conference Registration](#)

The UKNSCN annual scientific conference is a multidisciplinary celebration of the latest and best in UK stem cell science. **There is something for everyone in the speaker programme**, which features Embryonic Stem Cells, iPS Cells, Reprogramming, Cancer Stem Cells, Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine, Ethics and Social Science, and Stem Cell Niches and Signalling. The conference programme features some of the top UK scientists as well as up-and-coming UK researchers, together with the second **Dame Anne McLaren Memorial Lecture** which will be delivered by Professor Janet Rossant from the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, Canada. The full programme is available for viewing on the registration website homepage (see link above), and also features 6 parallel workshops of 2 hours 40 minutes each which you are invited to sign up for during the registration process. One of these, on human ES cells, only has **13 places out of 100 left**, so don't miss out.

Enquiries

If you have any questions about the registration process or the meeting itself, please contact Ro Hallam at Dynamic Events Limited. UKNSCN looks forward to welcoming you to a truly exciting conference in Oxford this April.

E-mail: ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk

Telephone: (01797) 223626

Fax: (01797) 225458

UKNSCN ON-LINE DISCUSSION FORUM

You are reminded that the UKNSCN on-line discussion forum now has 4 fora open for contributions as follows:

- Expertise Exchange Forum
- UKNSCN 2009 Conference Forum
- Patenting in Stem Cells Forum
- Future Role of UKNSCN Forum

Anyone can join the Forum via a short, on-line registration process which enables you to contribute postings. You can access the Forum at the link below:

<http://www.uknscn.org/discussion/index.html>

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN STEM CELL RESEARCH [UK ONLY]

The UK's Medical Research Council (MRC) has recently announced a new responsive mode funding scheme in translational stem cell research. The first two closing dates for outline proposals to the new **Translational Stem Cell Research Committee (TSCRC)** have now passed and the next closing date will be **6 May**. Additional closing dates for 2009 have now also been set and further information is available via the link below, or from Catriona Crombie at catriona.crombie@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk.

[TSCRC Further Information and 2009 Closing Dates](#)

MRC AND BBSRC PUBLISH STEM CELLS PUBLIC DIALOGUE REPORT

The MRC and BBSRC recently published a 152-page report on a public dialogue project in stem cells funded by the DIUS Sciencewise Programme. The findings of the report were publicised at an evening meeting in London held on 17 December at One Great George Street. The meeting included an audience Q&A session with a panel comprising the Science Minister and the Chief Executives of MRC and BBSRC. To read further information and download a copy of the full report, please view the following link:

[Further Information and Download Report](#)

[Project Podcasts with Leading Stem Cell Scientists](#)

RECEIVE REGULAR ELECTRONIC UPDATES FROM THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY AUTHORITY (HFEA)

If you wish to keep abreast of regulatory developments affecting the field of stem cell research and translation, you can now register on the HFEA website to receive regular monthly updates on HFEA business directly to your e-mail Inbox. To register, access the link below.

[Subscribe to Regular HFEA Updates](#)

APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN STEM CELL RESEARCH

Don't forget that you can use the UKNSCN website free-of-charge to advertise UK-based (only) appointments in stem cell science and its related disciplines. Just send a PDF to the UKNSCN Coordinator and we'll do the rest!

STEMDIRECT: A NEW FREE ON-LINE DATABASE OF EUROPEAN STEM CELL RESEARCHERS

EuroSyStem, the European Federation for Systematic Stem Cell Biology, is developing a free online database of active stem cell researchers in Europe. This facility will help you to find other researchers in your field within Europe. Registration criteria apply; to register your expertise and begin using the database, visit the StemDirect website at this link:

<http://www.stemdirect.net/>

EVENTS

Next London Regenerative Medicine Network (LRMN) Evening Meeting, King's College London, UK, 18 February 2008

This will take place at the Guy's Hospital Campus of King's College London at New Hunt's House (two minutes' walk from London Bridge tube station) on 18 February, commencing at 6pm. The speaker programme for this event includes Dr Tom Okarma, CEO of the Geron Corporation USA. To register for this meeting, please contact Fiona Brown at: fiona.brown@lrnm.com. Next month's LRMN meeting will take place on **4 March**.

BioNow Workshop "*Repair, Replace, Restore, Regenerate*", University of Manchester, UK, 25 February 2009

The Northwest Development Agency (NWDA) is sponsoring a one-day workshop under the auspices of the BioNow project which aims to bring together all the organisations developing regenerative medicine and its related technologies in the north west. The workshop is open to relevant organisations from outside the region, and will take place from 9am to 2pm at the Core Technology Facility at the University of Manchester on 25 February. The target audience will be approximately 30 and prospective delegates should contact Helen Williams at the NWDA to register: Helen.Williams@nwda.co.uk.

East of England Stem Cell Network (EESCN) Conference on Platform Technologies for Stem Cell Research, Cambridge, UK, 26 February 2009

The EESCN is holding a one-day conference on *Platform Technologies for Stem Cell Research* at Robinson College, Cambridge University on 26 February from 10am to 4pm. The event is open to anyone and is free to academics, though there will be a fee of £50 for commercial delegates. For further information, either view the website at the link below or contact the EESCN Project Manager Jeanette Walker at: jeanettewalker@eescn.org.uk.

[Further Details and Registration](#)

The UK Human Fertilisation & Embryology Act: a One-Day Retrospective Workshop, London, UK, 12 March 2009

The ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum based at the University of Edinburgh is organising a one-day workshop to look back at the passage of the UK's Human Fertilisation & Embryology Act which will officially become law in autumn 2009. This will take place at One Great George Street in London and will examine the public debate and policy-making process leading to the passage in 2008 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill. Bringing together social scientists, policy-makers and other stakeholders, this event will consider the Bill as a case study of national decision-making about a controversial area of science. Speakers will include Phil Willis MP, Fiona Fox from the Science Media Centre, and Calum MacKellar from the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics. Full details concerning the programme are available at the link below, or from Christine Knight at: christine.knight@ed.ac.uk.

[Further Information](#)

Northeast England Stem Cell Institute (NESCI) Conference on ESC Differentiation & Blood Lineages, Newcastle, 13 March 2009

NESCI is holding a one-day international conference on ESC Differentiation & Blood Lineages at the Centre for Life in Newcastle on 13 March from 11am to 5pm. The programme includes overseas speakers Robert Oostendorp (Technical University, Munich) and Dan Kaufman (University of Minnesota, USA). Registration is open to everyone, though non-members of NESCI will be charged £25. The deadline for registration is **4 March**, and further details are available via the NESCI website at the link below. Alternatively, you can contact the NESCI Coordinator Lucy Glasper at: lucy.glasper@newcastle.ac.uk.

[Further Details and Registration](#)

bioProcessUK/ICHEM Meeting: *Regenerative Technology 2009 Scale-up or Scale-out?*, Loughborough, UK, 23 March 2009

The Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) is co-hosting a regenerative medicine meeting with bioProcessUK at the University of Loughborough, Leicestershire on 23 March from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Speakers include David Williams (Loughborough), Kevin Shakesheff (Nottingham), Alicia el Haj (Keele) and Julian Chaudhuri (Bath). Advanced registration is essential for this meeting and close on 16 March. Further details and an electronic registration form are available at the link below:

[Programme Details and Registration Form](#)

59th Annual Conference of the British Microcirculation Society, University of Birmingham, UK, 30 March-1 April 2009

The British Microcirculation Society's next meeting in March/April 2009 includes a designated symposium on *Stem Cells in the Vasculature* in which leading international stem cell scientists have been invited to present their work. All relevant information about the meeting is available via the link below. The deadline for abstracts passed on **16 January 2009**, but registration for delegates is still open.

[Further Details and Registration](#)

Technology Transfer Forum on Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine, San Francisco, California, USA, 15 April 2009

The UK FCO's Science & Innovation Network (SIN) is organising a Technology Transfer Forum on STEM CELL RESEARCH and REGENERATIVE MEDICINE in partnership with the University of California and the Canadian Consulates in California. The event will take place on 15 April 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel near San Francisco Airport. The Forum will showcase university research with potential for commercialisation and as investment opportunities for angel investors, venture capitalists, and company representatives with an interest in licensing inventions or forming startups. The Forum will also be an excellent opportunity to network and strengthen ties and collaborations between the UK, California and Canada stem cell and regenerative medicine communities. Last year's tech transfer event drew an audience of around 300 participants composed of one third researchers, one third VCs and one third industry. Attendance is free, but by invitation only. For more information about the forum, or to register, please contact Maïke Rentel at the SIN in California: Maïke.Rentel@britishconsulatesf.gov.uk.

2009 World Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Congress, London, UK, 12-14 May 2009

The fourth annual commercial congress on Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine will take place at One Whitehall Place in London from 12-14 May 2009. Further details are available at the link below.

[Conference Programme and Registration Information](#)

7th ISSCR Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, 8-11 July 2009

The ISSCR's seventh annual science meeting will take place in Barcelona, Spain from 8-11 July 2009. This is the first time the meeting has been held in Europe. On-line registration opens on 6 January 2009. In the meantime, further details are available at the link below:

[ISSCR 2009 Meeting Website](#)

2009 KIDSTEM Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh, UK, 29-31 July 2009

This year's KIDSTEM Annual Conference will take place from 29-31 July at the University of Edinburgh. KIDSTEM is a

European Research Training Network dedicated to the regeneration of the kidney. Registration forms are not yet available, but will be found in due course at the website below. In the meantime, please direct enquiries to the project administrator Louise Cooper at: louise.cooper@liv.ac.uk.

[KIDSTEM Conference Website](#)

John Innes Centre (JIC) Symposium: *Genetics 100 Years On*, John Innes Centre, Norwich, UK, 9-11 September 2009

To help celebrate 100 years of genetics at the John Innes Centre, the JIC will be hosting a major symposium featuring Sir Paul Nurse delivering the Bateson Lecture and Sydney Brenner concluding with "*Genetics 100 Years On*". UKNSCN has been asked to circulate this notice to the UK stem cell research community. For further information and registration details, please view the JIC website at the following link:

[John Innes Centre Centenary Symposium Further Details](#)

Hydra V European Summer School on Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine, Hydra, Greece, 19-25 September 2009

The fifth week-long summer school on stem cells and regenerative medicine, organised by the EuroStemCell consortium (FP7), will again take place in Hydra, Greece from 19-25 September. The summer school is aimed at PhDs, post-doctoral researchers, emerging group leaders and research-active clinicians in the stem cell field. Places as always are limited and by application only. The fee for participation is €850 and the deadline for applications is **27 March**. The organisers are Claire Blackburn and Austin Smith.

[Programme and Application Details](#)

International Symposium on Stem Cell Transplantation in Multiple Sclerosis, Moscow, Russia, 5 October 2009

The Pirogov National Medical Surgical Centre in Moscow is leading the organisation of a major international symposium on stem cell transplantation in multiple sclerosis. This will take place at the Holiday Inn, Moscow Sokolniki on 5 October. The deadline for early discounted registration is **1 April** and further details are available at the following link:

[Symposium Details and Registration](#)

4th World Conference on Regenerative Medicine, Leipzig, Germany, 29-31 October 2009

The fourth World Conference on Regenerative Medicine, organised by the Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology, will take place in Leipzig, Germany from 29-31 October 2009. The main topics covered in the programme will be: Stem Cells, Tissue Engineering, Technology Development, Immunology and Signalling, and Regulatory Affairs. Further details are available via the link below:

[Further Information and Registration](#)

COURSES

2009 Summer School on Ethical and Policy Issues at the Cutting Edge of Stem Cell Science, Harvard University, USA, 15-19 June 2009

The Harvard Stem Cell Institute (Kevin Eggan) and Case Western Reserve University (Insoo Hyun) have teamed up to deliver a world-class summer school in June 2009 which is open to participation from overseas. This will be held at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts from 15-19 June 2009. Prospective participants should contact Insoo Hyun at insoo.hyun@case.edu for further details and regular updates.

Masters (MRes) Research Programme in Tissue Engineering for Regenerative Medicine, University of Manchester

Five BBSRC Masters studentships are available to candidates seeking entry on the MRes in Tissue Engineering for Regenerative Medicine (TERM) for 2009/10. These distinguished studentships are available to UK/EU applicants and provide full coverage of tuition fees in addition to a tax-free stipend of £13,290. The Masters by Research in TERM is a new and pioneering one-year collaborative degree course combining expertise from a number of multi-disciplinary research groups across the University of Manchester. It aims to provide skills training and expertise in the practical techniques fundamental to tissue injury and repair including:

1. Core technologies relevant to tissue repair, engineering and regeneration
2. The use of 'smart' biomaterials and biopolymers to repair and regenerate tissues
3. Approaches to cell sourcing and cell differentiation
4. Developing clinical trials and the challenges of commercialisation

The MRes TERM provides training beyond the traditional boundaries of biology, medicine and engineering. It is unique as it is directed at students seeking to forge a career in tissue engineering and stem cell technology in either an academic or commercial setting. This allows students to specialise and focus on independent research projects tailored towards their career aspirations. Housed within the recently built UK Centre for Tissue Regeneration (UKCTR) the MRes combines two independent research placements to allow students the opportunity to experience a range of techniques. This follows a series of master classes covering aspects of cell sourcing, bioengineering and the barriers to commercialisation. With industrial input from the likes of Smith & Nephew, the MRes provides an ideal platform for career progression into PhD training, commercial settings or medical specialisation.

Places for 2009/10 entry are limited so early application is encouraged. For further information, visit the University of Manchester website:

<http://www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/mres/term/>

Masters (MSc) Course in Stem Cell Technology, University of Nottingham

In response to the urgent need to train new graduates in the emerging stem cell field, the University of Nottingham launched its MSc in Stem Cell Technology in October 2007. This one year, full-time course is an innovative project designed to introduce science, agriculture and medical graduates throughout the world to the cutting edge of stem cell research and wide-ranging applications. Taught in Nottingham's state of the art Wolfson Centre for Stem Cells, Tissue Engineering and Modelling (STEM) by world-class researchers, students will gain both theoretical and practical knowledge of stem cells and how they can be applied to biotechnology and human health. This course is intended to provide a strong foundation for those wishing to pursue further careers in stem cell scientific research, in legislative/ managerial aspects of stem cell technologies, in clinical regenerative medicine and in stem cell commercialisation. Further information can be found at <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/human-development/PGCOURSES/> or by e-mailing mscstem@nottingham.ac.uk.

Masters (MSc) Course in Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, University of Sheffield

This new course has been developed in response to increasing international demand for training in generic aspects of stem cell science and regenerative medicine, which benefit a wide spectrum of applications. The course content is provided through collaboration between the Department of Biomedical Science, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and three of the UK's most prestigious research Centres - The Centre for Developmental and Biomedical Genetics, Centre for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering and Centre for Stem Cell Biology. The set of skills, knowledge and expertise that underpin the content of

this course are unique to the University of Sheffield. Regenerative medicine using cell and tissue replacement therapies holds great promise for the future treatment of human disease. Hopes for the success of such therapies rely upon a thorough understanding of the biological processes that control the pluripotency, self-renewal and differentiation capacities of stem cells and their progeny. One challenge is to identify factors that regulate stem cell renewal and differentiation. Many of these processes are fundamental to normal embryonic development. Experimentally tractable model organisms, such as mouse, chick as well as *Drosophila* and zebrafish are proving useful in studying the fundamental molecular mechanisms underlying the commitment of totipotent or pluripotent cells to specific lineages and their subsequent differentiation into distinct tissues or organs. Complemented by molecular genetic and *in vitro* approaches using human embryonic stem cells and embryonic carcinoma cells, current research efforts are poised to make regenerative medicine a reality, and may lead to new treatments for a number of conditions including Parkinson's disease, diabetes, and hearing loss. For further information on the course see http://www.shef.ac.uk/bms/prospective_pg/masters or contact Professor Steve Winder s.winder@sheffield.ac.uk.

Masters (MRes) Research Programme in Regenerative Medicine, University of Bath

The Department of Biology and Biochemistry has been running a one-year, full time taught MRes degree in Regenerative Medicine since October 2004. The programme is run in association with the Bath Centre for Regenerative Medicine (BCRM), an interdisciplinary group from four sectors of the University. The programme focuses in particular on modern research in developmental biology and tissue engineering and its potential applications to medicine. It encompasses activities such as stimulating tissue regeneration *in situ*, grafting of stem cells to bring about repair, causing transdifferentiation of one tissue type into another, and creating functional tissues and organs by tissue engineering. Consisting of a range of taught units, together with a number of research projects, this degree enables students to gain practical and theoretical experience in a number of laboratories as well as studying taught Masters level units (courses). It is designed to give the student an insight into a range of research activities, techniques and skills, as well as to widen their knowledge both of the subject itself and the context within which the research will take place. It also provides a range of generic skills training in line with the Joint Skills Statement of the Research Councils. The MRes in Regenerative Medicine provides the ideal training for students to proceed to a three-year PhD programme, with a competitive edge in relation to undergraduate students applying for doctoral studies. The increased breadth and experience gained during the MRes in Regenerative Medicine will also make graduates more suitable to work in industry where a working knowledge of the nature and demands of academic research is needed. For further information, please see: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/bio-sci/postgrad/mres/mrrmprogspec.htm>

Masters (MRes) Research Programme in Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine, North-East England Stem Cell Institute (NESCI)

The North-East England Stem Cell Institute (NESCI) - a collaboration between the Universities of Durham and Newcastle - has completed the first intake into the new Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Master of Research programme, in October 2007. Students will register on the Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine specialisation within Newcastle University's MRes in Medical and Molecular Biosciences, a one year full-time modular research degree. The programme includes advanced study of stem cell biology, research skills and a 24-week research project. The programme provides a springboard into a career that involves a working knowledge of scientific research in academia and industry and provides excellent preparation for PhD research studies. Teaching will be provided by internationally-recognised researchers at both universities drawn from across the wide breadth of biological, biomedical and medical sciences. Research projects will be available in both Durham and Newcastle.

For further information about the post, e-mail: mres@nesci.ac.uk. Background details on the broader MRes are available at: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/biomedicine/assets/documents/Mres_Strand/Stem.pdf. To apply, please visit: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/>.

Masters (MSc) Course in Biomedical Engineering, Cell & Tissue Engineering, Keele University

This taught Masters course aims to provide multidisciplinary postgraduate training in biomedical engineering and cellular engineering, building on undergraduate knowledge in basic science and applying it to clinical applications of bioengineering and cell/tissue engineering relevant to the healthcare environment. Further information is available at the following URL:

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/aa/postgraduate/courses/biomedical.html>

INFORMATION

PATENT WATCHING IN THE STEM CELL FIELD

The UKNSCN has now produced the first two-month patents digest in stem cells, covering the period 1 November to 19 December. This has been produced in conjunction with the UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO) and is available for downloading as a PDF from the UKNSCN's website at the link below. A breakdown is provided between patents in adult, embryonic and iPS cells, with a further separation between published patents and granted patents. Please provide feedback to the UKNSCN Coordinator on the utility of this service, since this will dictate whether we continue to provide the service on a two-monthly basis at cost to the UKNSCN.

http://www.uknscn.org/downloads/patent_digests.html

UPDATE FROM THE UK STEM CELL BANK

Cell Line Availability

The list of stem cell lines (14) currently available from the bank is given below. These are all hESC lines intended solely for research purposes. In addition, there are a further 19 lines banked and waiting release in the near future. For further information on obtaining and depositing cell lines see <http://www.ukstemcellbank.org.uk/>.

Cell Lines Currently Available from the UK Stem Cell Bank

Cell Line	UKSCB Accession Number		Cell Line	UKSCB Accession Number
SHEF1	R-05-007		NCL-1	R-05-015
SHEF2	R-05-028		NCL-2	R-07-014
SHEF3	R-05-008		NCL-3	R-07-015
SHEF4	R-05-029		NCL-4	R-07-016
SHEF6	R-05-031		NCL-5	R-07-017
SHEF7	R-07-008		KCL-001-WT3	R-06-021
NOTT1	R-07-001		NOTT2	R-07-002

The Bank's Steering Committee recently instigated a Commercial Working Group to consider the needs of commercial users of the Bank in delivery of stem cell products and discuss potential solutions to some of the key commercial challenges for the Bank in supplying commercial users. The report from this group is imminent and will be publicly available shortly. The Bank plans to begin implementing appropriate enhanced procedures as soon as Steering Committee approval is given for the release of the report.

To contact the bank, please send e-mail to enquiries@ukstemcellbank.org.uk.

Glyn Stacey, UK Stem Cell Bank

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Stem Cell Initiative Electronic Bulletins

The ESRC Stem Cell Initiative is issuing quarterly electronic bulletins to report on the latest social science research in stem cells and regenerative medicine. The **fifth** issue is now available at the following link and examines the scale-up of stem cell research. There are updates on research activities and events which are of particular interest to stem cell social scientists.

[Fifth Electronic Bulletin](#)

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