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### [1] UK's TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY BOARD TO INVEST A FURTHER £6M IN NEXT PHASE OF PROGRAMME

The UK's Technology Strategy Board issued a [press release](#) yesterday announcing its plan to invest a further £6M in the next phase of its *Regenerative Medicine Programme*. This will be split between commercial research and development projects in regenerative medicine therapeutics, and feasibility projects in regenerative medicine tools and technologies, and both competitions will open on **8 March 2010**. Members of the research and business communities therefore have some run-in time to begin thinking about projects and building consortia.

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### [2] RENEURON GROUP RECEIVES FULL REGULATORY APPROVAL FOR CLINICAL TRIALS OF STEM CELL-BASED STROKE THERAPY

The UK-based company ReNeuron Group plc has today issued a [press release](#) announcing that the UK's regulatory authorities have fully approved the commencement of clinical trials of its neural stem cell-based therapy for stroke. More comprehensive technical details, together with quotes from the company, are available via the press release link above.

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### [3] NHS BLOOD AND TRANSPLANT SERVICE TO DEVELOP NEW 10-YEAR STRATEGY FOR BLOOD STEM CELLS

The NHS Blood and Transplant Service (NHSBT) yesterday issued a [press release](#) indicating that the Public Health Minister Gillian Merron has asked the NHSBT to lead an expert team in developing a new 10-year strategy for the provision of blood stem cells, including those from umbilical cord blood, to fight leukaemias and other blood disorders. View the press release for full details.

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### [4] OPEN INVITATION TO UKTI/UKNSCN MEETING WITHIN INDIAN STEM CELL COMPANIES, 15 MARCH, LONDON

The UK Government's UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) division has teamed up with the UKNSCN to advertise an open invitation to a meeting with a stem cell delegation from India which will take place in London on the afternoon of **15 March**. The meeting will be held at the offices of Bristows at 100 Victoria Embankment, and their provision of complimentary meeting space is gratefully acknowledged. Six Indian stem cell companies will be presenting information on their business at the meeting as part of their four-day inward mission to the UK. The six companies are:

Reliance Life Science, Mumbai  
Stempeutics, Bangalore  
Life Cell, Chennai  
International Stem Cells, Bangalore  
LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad  
Ecron Acunova, Bangalore

In addition to the above, speakers from the UK including Kevin Shakesheff (Nottingham) and Mark Lowdell (UCL) will deliver presentations on stem cell formulation/manufacture and the operation of stem cell clinical trials in the UK respectively. In addition, Mark Bale (Department of Health) will discuss the regulation of stem cell research in the UK.

Up to 100 places are available exclusively to members of the UKNSCN correspondence list on a first-come first-served basis. If you wish to attend this meeting and learn more about these companies, please respond by return e-mail to the UKNSCN's Executive Director in order to register. Delegates must register in advance, otherwise access to the meeting will be denied. The deadline for registration is **26 February**.

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### [5] EUROPEAN HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL REGISTRY SIXTH NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

Europe's hESC Registry has just published its [sixth newsletter](#) on-line. This contains a mine of useful information on the regulation and banking of hESCs across the globe, and includes a photograph of the UK Stem Cell Bank's brand new GMP research facility for clinical-grade human embryonic stem cell lines.

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#### **[6] LATEST UK APPOINTMENTS IN STEM CELL RESEARCH AND TRANSLATION**

You are reminded that the UKNSCN offers a free advertising service via its website for UK-based appointments in stem cell science and translation. Simply send on a PDF flyer detailing vacancies to the UKNSCN's Executive Director and we will do the rest. Further [new vacancies](#) have been posted to the website this week, so you are invited to take a look.

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#### **[7] UKNSCN 2010 CONFERENCE IN NOTTINGHAM 12-14 JULY – ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPEN**

You are reminded that on-line registration for the UKNSCN 2010 conference in Nottingham on 12-14 July is now open via the [UKNSCN website](#), and places are being taken up steadily. All speakers, session chairs and parallel workshop convenors, as well as delegates, need to register on-line. Up to 520 places are available in plenary, and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. We expect to be fully subscribed judging by initial registrations, therefore please register early to avoid disappointment. Organisations and companies interested in sponsoring the conference (our third) can view the various packages available in the attached PDF file. These all include good deals on a stand in the trade exhibition. There is a separate exhibitor-only option at £1250 plus VAT, further details of which are available from our conference contractor Ro Hallam at Dynamic Events Ltd: [ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk](mailto:ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk), or telephone (01797) 223626. Up to 41 stands are available in the trade exhibition.

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#### **[8] FOURTH UK MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL CONFERENCE, LEEDS, UK, 14 APRIL 2010**

In partnership with the UKNSCN, researchers from the universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York are holding the fourth national meeting dedicated to **mesenchymal stem cells** at the University of Leeds's Conference Auditorium on 14th April 2010 from 10.30am to 5pm. Please book the date in your diaries. You can register for the event and submit abstracts (for oral or poster presentation) via the [CPD4 Health Innovation website](#). The deadline for abstract submission is **12<sup>th</sup> February 2010**.

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