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## [1] FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR UKNSCN CONFERENCE IN NOTTINGHAM 12-14 JULY – **REGISTRATION DEADLINE 22 JUNE**

The deadline for [on-line registration](#) for the third annual UKNSCN conference on 12-14 July is **12 noon on Tuesday 22 June**. Places are still available for delegates and poster presenters, though the deadline for poster abstracts to qualify for the plenary speaker competition passed on 9 June. The trade exhibition for the conference is now **full**, though our ever-resourceful contractor Dynamic Events Ltd is looking at finding additional space in the conference venue. Interested exhibitors should therefore still contact Ro Hallam at Dynamic Events Ltd (e-mail: [ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk](mailto:ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk), tel. 01797 223626).

The final programme for the conference is attached for your convenience. Once on-line registration has closed on 22 June, all delegates, exhibitors, poster presenters, speakers, sessions chairs and parallel workshop convenors will be issued with full joining instructions.

If you have yet to register for the conference, please note that parallel workshop F on *Technology: Cell Culture Optimisation* is now **fully-booked** on Wednesday 14 July. However, there are still places available in the other three parallel workshops (E, G and H) that day, though these are also filling fast now.

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## [2] ISSCR LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE ON STEM CELL TREATMENTS

On Tuesday 8 June, the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) published a report from its Task Force on Unproven Stem Cell Treatments and launched a new website on: [A Closer Look at Stem Cell Treatments](#). The website is an information **resource** aimed at patients, their families and doctors to provide resources that explain fundamental scientific principles of stem cell biology and their implications for stem cell treatments, outline the widely accepted process of clinical translation, and provide **questions** that a patient and/or caregiver should ask purveyors of asserted stem cell treatments to aid them in making treatment decisions. The ISSCR Task Force developed this website following widespread concern that stem cell treatments are being marketed to patients worldwide for a variety of medical conditions, without having mechanisms in place to promote safety or likely benefit.

The UKNSCN has issued a [press release](#) welcoming the Task Force report and new website which you can view at the link above.

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## [3] VISIT THE UKNSCN/UKSCB EXHIBITION STAND AT THE ISSCR CONFERENCE 16-19 JUNE 2010, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The UKNSCN has again teamed up with the UK Stem Cell Bank (UKSCB) to share an exhibition stand at the ISSCR annual stem cell conference coming up in California next week. If you are an overseas member of the UKNSCN's correspondence list in particular, and you are attending the conference, please do call by at **stand number 337** and introduce yourself. Both UKNSCN and UKSCB staff will be very happy to provide information on all aspects of stem cell research and regenerative medicine in the UK. For UK members who are attending the conference, please do make use of the UKNSCN/UKSCB stand as a meeting point where we can help, for example, to foster international collaborations between researchers from the UK and overseas.

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**[4] BOOK THE DATES – UKNSCN FOURTH ANNUAL STEM CELL SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN YORK, UK, 30 MARCH TO 1 APRIL 2011**

You are reminded that the UKNSCN's fourth annual stem cell science conference will take place at the University of York, UK from **30 March to 1 April 2011**. We are returning to our more traditional springtime slot for the conference in 2011. Preliminary information is already available via the [UKNSCN's website](#), and you are invited to book the dates in your diary.

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**[5] SECOND PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT EU GUIDELINES FOR GMP FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE**

On 19 April, the European Commission launched its second public consultation on the [draft Annex 2](#) to the EU Guidelines for GMP for Medicinal Products for Human and Veterinary Use. Upon accessing the link above, scroll down to the entry for 19/4/10. UKNSCN members are invited to be aware of this consultation, which lasts three months and closes on 15 July 2010, and to provide comments as appropriate via the e-mail addresses given at the link above. Annex 2 is proposed to be revised as a consequence of the restructuring of the GMP guide, the increased breadth of biological products to include several new product types such as transgenic derived products and the Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) together with associated new legislation. Significant changes have also been made as a result of the comments received from the first consultation.

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**[6] UNIVERSITY OF BATH CENTRE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM, 28-29 JUNE 2010**

The Bath CRM's second annual symposium will take place at the University of Bath, UK from 28-29 June 2010 and will feature speakers from across the UK. The provisional programme is available in the attached PDF flyer. Registration is **free** and further details are available via the [Bath CRM website](#).

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**[7] MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION (MND) FUNDS NEW £800K STUDY USING iPS CELL TECHNOLOGY**

Earlier this month, the UK's [Motor Neurone Disease Association \(MND\)](#) announced funding for a new £800k project featuring stem cell research groups from Edinburgh, London and New York. The project will generate patient-derived iPSC lines which the researchers will use to better understand how brain cells grow and why specific cells die in MND patients. Further information is available in a recent edition of [BioNews](#).

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**[8] 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 recently been posted to the website, so you are invited to take a look.

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