



Dear Colleagues,

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**[1] UK's TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY BOARD REGENERATIVE MEDICINE PROGRAMME: PHASE 2 CALLS-FOR-PROPOSALS NOW OPEN [UK ONLY]**

Further to the TSB's recent [press release](#), you are reminded that two calls-for-proposals under Phase 2 of the TSB's Regenerative Medicine Programme **are now open**. These calls address [Developing Therapeutics](#) and [Tools and Technologies Feasibility Studies](#). Follow these links to the TSB website where you will be able to find essential information on applicants' briefing meetings (17th March in London), registering intent to submit and the final closing dates for the receipt by TSB of full applications (**29th April 2010**).

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**[2] US COMPANY BENEFITS FROM FDA 'ORPHAN DRUG' STATUS FOR ITS EMBRYONIC STEM CELL THERAPY**

The US company Advanced Cell Technology (ACT) has been granted beneficial 'orphan drug' status for its ES cell therapy for Stargardt's Macular Dystrophy by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For further details, please view the recent on-line [BioNews article](#).

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**[3] INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF STEM CELL NETWORKS (ICSCN) – VIEW WEBSITE**

The ICSCN is the umbrella organisation which brings together a high proportion of all the regional and national stem cell networks which exist across the globe. If you are unfamiliar with its activities and reach, you are invited to view the [ICSCN website](#) for further information.

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**[4] 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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**[5] 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, including positions in ES cell research with GE Healthcare, so you are invited to take a look.

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**[6] STEM CELL ETHICS SESSION AT FORTHCOMING SWEDEN CONFERENCE – OPEN CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, DEADLINE 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

In conjunction with the UK's Cesagen Centre based within the universities of Cardiff and Lancaster, the Centre for Research Ethics and Bioethics at the University of Uppsala in Sweden is hosting a 3-day conference (14-16 June) on medical ethics which includes a session on stem cell ethics. There is an open invitation to submit abstracts for this session, which closes on **22 March 2010**. Further details on abstract submission and registration are available via the [Uppsala University conference website](#).

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