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[1] UK STEM CELL BANK ON-LINE SURVEY

On behalf of the UK Stem Cell Bank (UKSCB), UKNSCN wishes to draw to your attention an on-line survey which the Bank is conducting to elicit feedback on the services it currently provides. The purpose of the survey is to find ways of improving current services and identifying new products and services which could be provided. The [on-line survey](#) will take just a few minutes to complete, and the deadline for submission is **5pm on Tuesday 23 March**. The information you provide will only be held by the UKSCB and the Bank thanks you in advance for your participation in this survey.

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[2] 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, registering intent to submit and the final closing dates for the receipt by TSB of full applications (**29th April 2010**).

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[3] 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, or telephone (01797) 223626. Up to 41 stands are available in the trade exhibition.

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[4] 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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[5] UK HUMAN TISSUE AUTHORITY EXPRESSES CONCERNS OVER UNLAWFUL CORD BLOOD COLLECTION

Earlier this month (9 March), the UK's Human Tissue Authority (HTA) took the unprecedented step of writing to more than 150 organisations expressing its concerns that umbilical cord blood, which contains stem cells of various types, was being collected unlawfully. For fuller details, please view the recent [BioNews article](#). Members may also be interested in reading an article which the UKNSCN produced on cord blood stem cells last year, in collaboration with other organisations. This appeared in the 2009 edition of the publication [Wellbeing for Women](#), and can be found on pages 72-73.

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