



Dear Colleagues,

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**[1] OPEN INVITATION TO UKTI/UKNSCN MEETING WITH 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. A third speaker 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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**[2] 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. [New vacancies](#) have been posted to the website this week, so you are invited to take a look.

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**[3] STEM CELL RESEARCH AND JOURNAL PUBLICATION: RECORDING FROM RADIO 4'S *TODAY PROGRAMME* BROADCAST THIS WEEK**

Following the submission of an open letter to the editors of major scientific journals by 14 leading stem cell scientists, the BBC's Pallab Ghosh has investigated this issue further, leading to an item broadcast via BBC Radio 4's *Today Programme* at around 7.10am on Tuesday this week (2 February). A recording of the full item, which lasted approximately 5 minutes, is available on-line via the [Today Programme website](#).

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**[4] UKIPO GRANTS FIRST PATENT OUTSIDE JAPAN FOR iPS CELL TECHNOLOGY**

On 12 January, the UK's Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO) granted the first patent issued outside Japan for the genetic reprogramming technology used to create iPS cells. The patent has been granted to the Californian biomedical company iPierian. For full details, please view the [Nature Online](#) article.

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**[5] 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](#). 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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Yours sincerely,

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