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[1] UK's TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY BOARD REGENERATIVE MEDICINE PROGRAMME: PHASE 2 CALLS-FOR-PROPOSALS IMMINENT

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 will be launched on **Monday 8th March**. These calls will address *Developing Therapeutics* and *Tools and Technologies Feasibility Studies*. The call documents will be available from the TSB's [Competition Announcements](#) webpage, where you will be able to find essential information on applicants' briefing meetings, registering intent to submit and the closing dates for the receipt by TSB of full applications.

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[2] EMBRYONIC STEM CELL PATENT CASE AT THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE: UKIPO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The UK's Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO) has received official notification of a new case referred to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) concerning a German patent application for the production of neural precursor cells from embryonic stem cells. The patent is being opposed by Greenpeace and the ECJ has been asked for a preliminary ruling on an article of the EC Directive 98/44/EC which addresses the legal protection of biotechnological inventions. The questions referred to the Court tackle the interpretation of the term 'human embryo' and use for industrial or commercial purposes. You can view the case and questions on the [UKIPO's website](#), and the UKIPO can receive comments up until **10th March** to the following e-mail address: policy@ipo.gsi.gov.uk.

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

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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, or telephone (01797) 223626. Up to 41 stands are available in the trade exhibition. A conference poster is also attached to this interim bulletin, which highlights the line-up of speakers and provides a guide to the various conference sessions.

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[5] 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 still register for the event via the [CPD4 Health Innovation website](#). The deadline for abstract submission passed on **12th February 2010**.

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