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[1] FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER FOR UKNSCN CONFERENCE IN NOTTINGHAM 12-14 JULY –

A few places are still available for delegates and poster presenters at the third annual UKNSCN conference in Nottingham on 12-14 July. Please see the [registration site](#) for details or contact our conference organiser Ro Hallam directly to register on 01797 223626, online registration is now closed. 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, tel. 01797 223626).

A link to the final [programme](#) is included here for the conference. All delegates, exhibitors, poster presenters, speakers, sessions chairs and parallel workshop convenors have been issued full joining instructions. If you have not received these, again, please contact Ro Hallam ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk.

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.

If you cannot make it to the UKNSCN conference, press releases relating to the most exciting and cutting-edge developments presented by speakers at the conference will be posted on the UKNSCN [website](#) after the event

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[2] THE COMPANY OF BIOLOGISTS LAUNCHES 'THE NODE'

The Company of Biologists has recently launched '[The Node](#)', an exciting new online resource for developmental biologists. The Node is a community resource to share and discuss news with the developmental biology community; keep up-to-date with publications via the table-of-contents feeds from other developmental biology journals; get information about meetings and events throughout the year, and blog with other registered users.

To register your interest contact thenode@biologists.com, and for more information visit dev.biologists.org

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[3] University of Bristol launches MSc in Stem Cells and Regeneration

The University of Bristol is running a distance learning MSc in Stem Cells and Regeneration. The course provides students with knowledge and understanding of the highly topical and exciting field of stem cell biology and regeneration. Students will be guided from the origins of this field through to its application (and potential applications) in treating human disease covering the latest tools and technologies available for study in this area. Course content will be delivered by researchers active in this field, meaning the very latest breakthroughs and research themes will be communicated.

The course structure will be based on an innovative distance-learning model which will make use of the internet to deliver lectures, on-line discussions and assessments. Students are only required to visit Bristol for the completion of their formal examinations. The distance learning model together with a part-time study option means that students can continue in full-time employment whilst studying for this qualification

There is also the option to study for a postgraduate diploma or certificate, rather than the full MSc.

Please see [University of Bristol, MSc in Stem Cells and Regeneration](#) for more details

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[4] European Stem Cell Group's call for members NEW! – deadline 9 July

The European Stem Cell Group's call for new members closes this Friday, the 9 July.

The group aims to bring together fundamental stem cell scientists from across Europe, to encourage scientific exchange and collaboration. Members will have access to specialist data management tools, training and meetings.

The call is being held by EuroSyStem, an EU-funded partnership of stem cell rUK searchers from across Europe. For more information and to download the application form, please see <http://www.eurosystemproject.eu/news>

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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] Wellcome trust Translation award scheme – Next deadline 23 July

Translation Awards are responsive mode funding designed to bridge the funding gap in the commercialisation of new technologies in the biomedical area.

Projects covering any aspect of technology development from a range of disciplines - including physical, computational and life sciences - will be considered. Projects must address an unmet need in healthcare or in applied medical research, offer a potential new solution, and have a realistic expectation that the innovation will be developed further by the market.

Details of the scheme and how to apply can be found on the Wellcome Trust [website](#). Regenerative medicine projects have previously funded by Technology Transfer awards, see the [past funding](#) for details.

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[7] INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CELLULAR THERAPY SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM, SAN FRANCISCO, 27-28 SEPTEMBER 2010.

The [International Society for Cellular Therapy's](#) second annual symposium, *Stem Cell Translation: Strategies, Best Practices & Regulatory Considerations*: will be held on the 27-28 September 2010 at UCSF Mission Bay conference centre, San Francisco.

This two day symposium is aimed to provide education on the bench-to-bedside translation of stem cell-based therapies, topics to include: IND development for stem cell therapies from adult, foetal, and embryonic sources; stem cell characterisation & assay development; cell source selection, qualification, banking, and testing; preclinical animal studies; efficacy and safety; bench-to-bedside development case studies; development of GMP manufacturing processes; standardisation issues for ancillary reagents and biomaterials.

Details of the preliminary [programme](#) are available, please see the [registration site](#) for details of how to register, sponsor or exhibit.

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[8] THE NEW YORK STEM CELL FOUNDATION'S FIFTH ANNUAL TRANSLATIONAL STEM CELL RESEARCH CONFERENCE, NEW YORK, 12-13 OCTOBER 2010

The [New York Stem Cell Foundation's](#) fifth annual translational stem cell research conference, Revolutionising Cures, will be held on the 12-13 October 2010, at The Rockefeller University in New York City.

The NYSCF conference is unique in focusing on translational stem cell research that demonstrates the potential to advance cures for the major diseases of our time. It is designed for all professionals with an interest in stem cell research, including physicians, researchers, clinical investigators, professors, government and health officials, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.

Detail of the conference [agenda](#) are available and the registration site and call for abstracts is open, see the [website](#) for details.

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