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Dear Colleagues,

UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - THREE ITEMS

1. **2009 UKNSCN ANNUAL SCIENCE MEETING REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

On-line registration is now open for UKNSCN's second annual science meeting taking place on 6-8 April 2009 at the University of Oxford Examination Schools. Please follow the hyperlink below to the UKNSCN website for further information. Approximately 500 delegate places are available, and registration is open to delegates from overseas: <http://www.uknscn.org/meetings/meetings09.html>.

The registration site includes separate information pages for delegates, exhibitors, poster presenters, sponsors and speakers. You are advised to read these before proceeding to registration. The speaker programme for the conference is nearing completion and will be available for downloading from the registration site shortly. In the meantime, prospective delegates may wish to note that the programme will again feature some of the latest and best research in UK stem cell science, together with world class keynote speakers from overseas on each of the three days as follows:

Day 1: **Dame Anne McLaren Memorial Lecture** - Prof Janet Rossant, Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, Canada

Day 2: Keynote 2 - Prof Robert Nerem, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA
(also **Conference Dinner** - eminent after-dinner speaker to be confirmed)

Day 3: Keynote 3 - Prof Joseph Vacanti, Harvard Medical School, USA

In addition, and backed by popular demand from delegates at the inaugural conference in Edinburgh, the programme includes six parallel workshops spread over days 2 and 3 to which you can sign up during the registration process. These are:

- A: Immunology
- B: Embryonic StemCells (incorporating the UK hESC Forum)
- C: Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- D: Translation and Commercialisation
- E: Haematopoietic Stem Cells
- F: Cardiac and Pulmonary Regeneration

2. Third UK Mesenchymal Stem Cell Meeting, University of Sheffield, UK, 8 January 2009: **ABSTRACT DEADLINE APPROACHING**

In partnership with the UKNSCN, the organisers of the annual mesenchymal stem cell group meeting are pleased to announce that their third conference will take place at the Octagon Centre, University of Sheffield, UK on 8 January 2009. This meeting follows on from the successes of the previous two meetings held in York in 2006 and 2007 when approximately 200 delegates attended and more than 40 abstracts were submitted. The programme for next January is again structured to include participation and discussion, and is an opportunity to present your research, network and exchange ideas in a friendly and informal environment. Prospective delegates are encouraged to submit abstracts covering all aspects of MSC biology and related areas for poster presentation. The highest scoring abstracts will be selected for oral presentation. The speaker programme includes world class researchers in Sir Richard Gardner (Oxford), Paolo Bianco (La Sapienza, Italy), Francesco Dazzi (Imperial College London), Stuart Forbes (Edinburgh) and Stefan Przyborski (Durham). A flyer is attached to this bulletin, and registration opened on 15th September via the weblink below. **The deadline for abstract submission is 14 November**, and the deadline for registration is 15 December.

[Further Details and Registration](#)

3. UK-Israel Stem Cell Collaboration Awards: **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 28 NOVEMBER 2008**

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has announced that the deadline for applications for travel grants of up to £4k from UK- or Israel-based stem cell researchers has now been extended to **28 November**. The attached flyer provides further information on eligibility and includes a link to the electronic application form.

Yours sincerely,

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