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Dear Colleagues,

**UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - THREE REMINDERS: ON-LINE DISCUSSION FORUM, UKNSCN2009 CONFERENCE, PATENTS DIGEST**

**1. UKNSCN ON-LINE DISCUSSION FORUM**

UKNSCN wishes to remind you that the re-launched on-line Discussion Forum is available for you to use free-of-charge to make requests for collaborators/expertise, offer expertise, exchange information on the 2009 conference, debate patents and comment on UKNSCN activities. To make this work effectively, more members are required to contribute postings. The following four Forums are currently running on the site:

Expertise Exchange Forum

UKNSCN 2009 Conference Forum

Patenting in Stem Cells Forum

Future Role of UKNSCN Forum

You might like to know that a UK researcher is currently seeking a basic stem cell scientist interested in adult stem cell differentiation to join its MRC-TSCRC proposal and fulfil the suggestions made by the MRC committee at the pre-application stage. The applicants currently include a polymer chemist, an ophthalmic surgeon and corneal biologist with experience in the applied use of corneal stem cells. The deadline for their application is 16th April, and they would like to identify a possible collaborator as soon as possible. Access this entry on the Forum at the following link, where you can also register as a new member after completing a few personal details.

<http://www.uknscn.org/forum/default.asp>

**2. UKNSCN 2009 STEM CELLS CONFERENCE, OXFORD, 6-8 APRIL: REGISTER SOON TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

UKNSCN also wishes to remind you that registration for its second conference in April continues apace, with delegate places and exhibitor stands in high demand. You can register via the UKNSCN website at <http://www.uknscn.org/meetings/meetings09.html> or by contacting Ro Hallam at Dynamic Events Ltd on (01797) 223626, e-mail [ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk](mailto:ro.hallam@dynamic-events.co.uk). Don't forget that anyone can display a poster, and UK-based PhD students who do so are entitled to a significant reduction in their registration fee, but we only have space for **100** posters. Note also that your registration fee includes **two nights' accommodation** in the surrounding Oxford colleges for the 6th and 7th April. All the accommodation is within easy walking distance of the Examination Schools venue.

**3. UKNSCN PATENTS DIGEST PUBLISHED FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008**

UKNSCN wishes to further remind you that it has recently published a two-month patents digest for stem cell developments covering the period 1 November to 19 December 2008. This was prepared through the UKIPO and is available for downloading from the UKNSCN website at the following link:

[http://www.uknscn.org/downloads/patent\\_digests.html](http://www.uknscn.org/downloads/patent_digests.html)

Please provide feedback to the UKNSCN Coordinator on how useful this service is. Your views will dictate whether we continue providing this service over the coming months at cost to UKNSCN.

Yours sincerely,

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