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Dear Colleagues,

UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - UK-SPAIN COLLABORATION AND OTHER ITEMS

1] SPANISH FUNDING INITIATIVE - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TRANSLATIONAL STEM CELL RESEARCH

Last week, the Spanish Government's Ministry of Science and Innovation (MCINN) launched a call-for-proposals intended to promote collaboration in translational stem cell research for therapeutic purposes. Whilst this is funding for Spanish PIs only, the collaborative aspect is aimed particularly at the UK, Canada and the State of Victoria, Australia. Therefore, if you are already collaborating with researchers in Spain, this may be an opportunity to further consolidate your work. If you were thinking about collaborating with contacts that you have established in Spain, this might just be the springboard that you need. The closing date which has been publicised to the Spanish stem cell research community is **23 July** and the attached PDF file provides further detail and a contact point at the MCINN. You may wish to note that the UK Government has been actively promoting links between the two countries in stem cell research over the past two years, with events having taken place in both El Escorial (Madrid) and London.

Please also note that the UKNSCN's Discussion Forum will shortly be opened up to Spanish researchers within a Forum dedicated to exchanging expertise information between the two countries. The aim of this initiative will be to help establish a greater number of collaborations.

2] ANNUAL BIOPROCESS UK CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED - YORK, UK, 25-26 NOVEMBER 2009

The bioProcessUK 2009 annual conference was announced last week, and will take place at York Racecourse on 25-26 November 2009. The attached flyer provides further details - including a focus session on the **challenges of producing advanced therapies** - and interested delegates may register at the link below.

[Conference Homepage and Registration](#)

3] REGENER8 WORKSHOP ON REGULATION OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE - YORK, UK, 27 JULY 2009

The RegeNer8 consortium in the north of England is holding the second in its series of regional workshops addressing the regulation of regenerative medicine on 27 July 2009 at the Royal York Hotel,

York. The workshop is very much open to non-members of the consortium (fees apply) and will hear from academic, regulatory and industrial experts exploring the challenges posed by recent developments. To view the current programme, and/or register, please access the links below.

[Background and Registration](#)

[Programme Details](#)

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