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Dear Colleagues,

## UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - TWO ITEMS

### 1] EPSRC NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES CALL-FOR-PROPOSALS - COLLABORATORS SOUGHT [UK ONLY]

You may recall from previous UKNSCN bulletins that the UK's Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) currently has an open call for *Novel Technologies in Stem Cell Science*, closing date **3rd November**. The UKNSCN has been approached by a spin-out company (BioAstral Ltd) from the University of Leicester's space research centre who are seeking academic collaborators in stem cell biology for a bid to the EPSRC call. The company is not in a position to make a stand-alone application, but has a novel optical detection technology offering hyperspectral photon imaging based on exquisitely sensitive cryogenic detectors which is ideally suited to imaging multiple fluorescent markers in live stem cells with negligible background noise. If you are an academic considering an application to the EPSRC call involving questions over detector sensitivity in cell imaging, you may be interested in speaking to BioAstral as a potential collaborator. The contact point is Dr David Ray, e-mail [david@bioastral.com](mailto:david@bioastral.com).

### 2] UKNSCN UPDATED CORPORATE PLAN (2008-11) AND DELIVERY PLAN (2009/10) PUBLISHED

The UKNSCN has just published a revised version of its Corporate Plan (2008-11), together with its new Delivery Plan (2009/10). These are now available as PDF files via the UKNSCN website at the link below. In addition, in the interests of transparency, the UKNSCN is publishing the unabridged minutes of its new Advisory Committee meetings via the website, starting with the minutes of the first meeting which took place on 16 September 2009. These can be viewed at the second link below.

[Revised Corporate Plan and New Delivery Plan](#)

[Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings](#)

Yours sincerely,

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