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Dear Colleagues,

UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - STEM CELL TOURISM; IMMEDIATE EVENTS & CLOSING DATES

[1] STEM CELL TOURISM - PUBLICATION OF UKNSCN POSITION STATEMENT

The UKNSCN has just published a position statement on the emerging phenomenon of "stem cell tourism", which is now available via the UKNSCN website under the 'Downloads' section, and via the link below. In the main, this is intended as a source of objective advice for the general public, patients and the media, though UKNSCN hopes that many of you will make reference to the statement when you are contacted by individuals making enquiries about the availability of "therapies" overseas.

[Position Statement on Stem Cell Tourism](#)

[2] STEM CELL APPOINTMENTS

You are reminded that the UKNSCN website includes an appointments section for UK-based positions broadly relevant to stem cell science. Access the link below to view a current advertisement for 5 EPSRC-funded doctoral studentships which are available in London institutions addressing translation in regenerative medicine (closing date **11 May 2009**). Members of the UKNSCN correspondence list are welcome to use this service, which is available free-of-charge at present.

[Appointment Opportunities](#)

[3] BATH CENTRE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE OPEN MEETING, BATH, UK, 27 APRIL 2009

The University of Bath's Centre for Regenerative Medicine (CRM) is holding its next open meeting on **Monday 27 April** from 2.30pm to 6pm at the university. The meeting will take place in the Pavilion Room in the Department of Biology and Biochemistry. The programme includes speakers from Cambridge and UCL as well as Bath's own CRM. Attendance is free and open to all, but you must register in advance by contacting Andrew Chalmers (a.chalmers@bath.ac.uk). The full programme can be viewed at the link below.

[Meeting Programme](#)

[4] UK-USA STEM CELL COLLABORATION AWARDS - THIRD ROUND CLOSING DATE APPROACHING [8TH MAY]

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has recently announced a third round of funding for its UK-USA Stem Cell Collaboration Development Awards. The scheme is open to UK- or USA-based stem cell researchers who are at group leader or Principal Investigator level within academic or non-profit research institutions. In exceptional cases, post-doctoral fellows will be considered. The scheme also includes applications from academic researchers seeking collaborations with companies.

Up to **£4,000** is available for travel from the applicant's home country to either the US or the UK. The 2009 UK-USA Stem Cell CDA is designed to support the development of new collaborations in the field of stem cell science, and can only be used to fund travel between groups who do not already have on-going, formal collaborations. The closing date for applications to the third round is **8th May 2009**. You can download the application form at the link below.

[Download Application Form](#)

[5] TRAINING COURSE ON COMMUNICATING STEM CELL RESEARCH, EDINBURGH, UK, 12-13 MAY 2009

This is a specialist training event designed specifically for stem cell scientists and includes a real dialogue event with members of the public. It therefore offers the opportunity to improve communication skills and plan practical public engagement activities. It will be held in Edinburgh over two days (12-13th May) and a few places are still available (fees apply). If you are interested in participating, please access the link below; the registration deadline is **this Friday 24th April**.

[Application Form and Registration Details](#)

[6] HYDRA V EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL ON STEM CELLS AND REGENERATIVE MEDICINE, GREECE, 19-25 SEPTEMBER 2009

The deadline for registering for this summer school (advertised in a previous bulletin) is now imminent - **this Friday 24th April**. Places are still available for this summer school, which is the EuroStemCell FP7 consortium's fifth such event organised by Clare Blackburn and Austin Smith. See the link below for further information, and note the Greek island location!

[Registration Details](#)

[7] HFE ACT RETROSPECTIVE CONFERENCE: SLIDES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

On 12th March, the ESRC's Genomics Forum hosted a 'retrospective' conference on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, examining the nature of the debate leading up to the Act and how that debate influenced the policymaking process. Presentation slides and audio recordings from this meeting have now been made available on the Genomics Forum's website at the link below, and include Phil Willis MP - chairman of the Innovation, Universities and Skills Select Committee.

[View Presentations and Audio Recordings](#)

Yours sincerely,

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