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Subject: UK National Stem Cell Network (UKNSCN) Interim Bulletin: Two Items to Note

Dear Colleagues,

UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - TWO ITEMS TO NOTE

1] UK-CIRM PRE-CLINICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH COLLABORATION - NEW MRC CALL-FOR-PROPOSALS

The Medical Research Council (MRC) has agreed to partner the Californian Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) in its Disease Team Request for Applications (RFA), which aims to progress preclinical stem cell research towards clinical testing. The MRC is therefore calling for proposals from UK groups active in the preclinical domain that can link to Californian research teams to establish high quality, multidisciplinary translational research programmes. Funded programmes will be milestone-driven and have the maturity and critical mass to reach the stage of a phase I clinical trial within four years. Please see the following link for further information, noting that the **deadline** for preliminary applications is **26 March**. You may also wish to forward this notice to others who may not be members of the UKNSCN correspondence list. Your contact at the MRC for this scheme is Catriona Crombie.

http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Calls/MRC_CIRM/index.htm

2] FORTHCOMING SCOTTISH STEM CELL NETWORK MEETINGS, 24-25 MARCH, EDINBURGH, UK

The Scottish Stem Cell Network (SSCN) has two meetings coming up in March which are open to all as follows:

24th March: Cellular Therapies Meeting, RCSEd, Edinburgh from 12.30pm onwards (confirmed speakers include Anthony Hollander, Bristol, and Catherine Elliot, MRC)

25th March: Advances in Pluripotent Stem Cell Research, RCSEd, Edinburgh - full day (confirmed speakers include Mahendra Rao, Invitrogen, and Outi Hovatta, Karolinska Institute, Sweden)

For further information on either of these meetings, please contact Wend Wilson-Watt at:

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Yours sincerely,

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