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Dear Colleagues,

UKNSCN INTERIM BULLETIN - SUPPLEMENT TO BULLETIN 22 (THREE ITEMS)

As a supplement to last week's formal UKNSCN Bulletin (No.22), you are invited to note a further three items:

1] NEXT UKNSCN PATENTS DIGEST PUBLISHED FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2009

The Network's sixth 'digest' of patents in stem cell research has now been produced in conjunction with the Intellectual Property Office. This is attached to this interim bulletin and is also available now as a PDF download from the UKNSCN website (link below).

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The report covers the period 1 September 2009 to 31 October 2009 and as usual provides a breakdown of both published and granted patents during this period in three areas: adult stem cells, embryonic stem cells and iPS cells/de-differentiation. In addition, we continue to publish the search strategy used to generate this digest. This is available as an Annex to the report. This report is 47 pages long and contains brief bibliographic information on 168 patents designed to enable you to pick out relevant patents and conduct your own further study on the relevant database using the patent number. The report contains:

135 published patents: 80 adult, 35 embryonic, 20 iPS

33 granted patents: 19 adult, 13 embryonic, 1 iPS

2] NEW UK PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INQUIRY: STEM CELLS

On 4 November, the UK Parliament's new Science and Technology Select Committee announced an inquiry into bioengineering focusing upon research, translation and regulation in four areas: **stem cells**, synthetic biology and GM. The inquiry is based around four main questions which respondents are asked to address in no more than 3000 words. UKNSCN will be contributing via its Advisory Committee, but also encourages you to submit individual responses to the inquiry, copying in UKNSCN where appropriate. The closing date for submissions is **Friday 4th December**, and further details are available via the link below.

[Science and Technology Committee Inquiry Website](#)

3] FOURTH UK MESENCHYMAL STEM CELL MEETING ANNOUNCED - LEEDS, UK, 14 APRIL 2010

In partnership with the UKNSCN, researchers from the universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York are holding the fourth national meeting dedicated to **mesenchymal stem cells** at the University of Leeds's Conference Auditorium on 14th April 2010 from 10.30am to 5pm. Please book the date in your diaries and view the attached PDF flyer which gives details on speakers. You can register for the event and submit abstracts (for oral or poster presentation) now at the following link:

[Meeting Registration Site](#)

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