

Beyond the Embryo

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Transnational, Transdisciplinary
and Translational Perspectives
on Stem Cell Research

NOVEMBER 14-15 2009

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The main goal of the Workshop is to explore emerging scientific and ELSI challenges resulting from advances in stem cell research and related therapies.

The Workshop aims, from a multi-disciplinary and international perspective, to critically examine new developments and to provide a unique picture of the future international research and regulatory challenges.

Topics : Plenary Sessions

- Scientific Advances: Looking Beyond the Embryo
- Policy Frameworks
- Transnational Organizations: Future Directions
- Patents and Commercialization
- Scientific Advances in Stem Cell-based Therapies
- Stem Cell Banks and Registries
- Governance
- Stem Cell-based Clinical Trials: ELSI Perspectives and Challenges

Call for Abstracts

The workshop will bring together scholars to discuss the emerging scientific, socio-ethical and legal challenges arising from advances in stem cell research. In order to allow for young scholars to take an active part in this Workshop, up to 20 slots for young scholars have been reserved. Geographical coverage will include participants from several continents.

Young scholars who would like to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation are invited to submit on one of the Plenary Session Topics.

Instructions for Abstract Submission:

All abstracts should be submitted to the following email address : conference@crdp.umontreal.ca before June 15th 2009. Abstracts should be submitted in English and be accompanied by a short bio sketch. The maximum length of an abstract (without the title and authors list) is 500 words.

A Steering Committee will select abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Applicants whose abstracts have been approved by the committee will be notified by July 15th 2009.

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**CONTEXTUALIZING STEM CELL RESEARCH:
TRANSDISCIPLINARY AND TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

08:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Dr. Bartha M. Knoppers, CRDP, UdeM (Chair)
Brocher Foundation, Representative/Member

SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES: Looking Beyond the Embryo

Chair: Michael Rudnicki (Canada)

09:00 Embryonic Stem Cells and the Revolution in
Reprogramming Technologies, Janet Rossant (Canada)
09:20 iPS, UCB and other Alternative Sources,
Bing Lim (Singapore)
09:40 TBD, Young Scholar
09:55 Discussion
10:15 *Coffee Break*

POLICY FRAMEWORKS

Chair: Bartha Knoppers (Canada)

10:45 International Collaboration and Policy Interoperability,
Rosario Isasi (Canada)
11:05 Stem Cell Research Policy at the European Level,
Jacques Remacle (European Commission,
Health Directorate)
11:25 The Public, Policymakers and Researcher Perceptions,
Timothy Caulfield (Canada)
11:45 TBD, Young Scholar
12:00 Discussion
12:30 *Lunch & Poster Session*

TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: Future Directions

Chair: Guido de Wert (The Netherlands)

14:00 ISSCR, Douglas Sipp (Japan)
14:15 ISCF, Robin Buckle (UK)
14:30 IASCR, Geoffrey Lomax (USA)
14:45 The Hinxton Group, Ruth Faden (USA)
15:00 Discussion
15:30 *Coffee Break*

PATENTS AND COMMERCIALIZATION

Chair: Yann Joly (Canada)

16:00 European Patent Policy, Aurora Plomer (UK)
16:20 International Perspectives, Clive Morris (Australia)
16:40 TBD, Young Scholar
16:55 Discussion

17:15 End of Day 1

**STEM CELL RESEARCH: TOWARDS CLINICAL TRANSLATION
SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN STEM CELL-BASED THERAPIES**

Chair: Fanyi Zeng (China)

09:00 Stem Cells and Proteins Therapeutics,
Michael Rudnicki (Canada)
09:15 TBD, Young Scholar
09:30 Discussion

STEM CELL BANKS AND REGISTRIES

Chair: Rosario Isasi (Canada)

09:45 hESreg - An Attempt to Handle Ethical Pluralism
in Europe, Klaus Tanner (Germany)
10:00 Registries and Reality: The Role of Stem Cell Banks,
Glyn Stacey (UK)
10:15 TBD, Young Scholar
10:30 Discussion
10:45 *Coffee Break*

GOVERNANCE

Chair: Geoffrey Lomax (USA)

11:15 International Approaches to Governance,
Salla Lötjönen (Finland)
11:30 Regulatory Issues & International Collaboration,
Genevra Richardson (UK)
11:45 TBD, Young Scholar
12:00 Discussion
12:30 *Lunch & Poster Session*

**STEM CELL-BASED CLINICAL TRIALS: ELSI PERSPECTIVES
AND CHALLENGES**

Chair: Genevra Richardson (UK)

14:00 ISSCR Guidelines on the Clinical Translation of SCs,
Insoo Hyun (USA)
14:20 Stem Cell-Based Clinical Trials: The German Perspective,
Ludger Honnefelder (Germany)
14:40 TBD, Young Scholar
15:00 Discussion

15:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS
Co-Chair: Dr. Alexandre Mauron (Switzerland)

16:00 End of the Workshop

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