



1. Calling all Stem Cell Scientists – rally for the ISSCR 2018 Australia meeting bid

Become an ASSCR Member

ASSCR together with Martin Pera from Stem Cells Australia, Alan Trounson from Californian Institute of Regenerative Medicine and the Melbourne Convention Visitors Bureau are working on a bid to host the 2018 Annual ISSCR Meeting in Melbourne, Australia. We have a commitment of funds from the Victorian Government and Mesoblast but our membership of the ASSCR needs to increase if we are to make this happen. We need lab heads, postdocs and students to (re)join ASSCR now. In fact we are going to need 600 members on our books (based on ISSCR 2012 in Japan). Sign up now and you will have 1 year's membership right through to August 2014. Joining now will help us in our bid to bring ISSCR to Australia again. It's simple through the ASSCR website - <http://www.asscr.org/> Check out the benefits of membership at the same time. It's also tax deductible.

2. 6th ASSCR Annual Meeting, Brisbane, October 27-29, 2013- Call for Abstracts Open

An exceptional program has been organised with 3 highly acclaimed international Keynote Speakers, Cedric Blanpain, Christine Mummery, Huck-Hui Ng and many world-leading stem cell scientists from Australia. Sessions will cover pluripotency, directed differentiation, regenerative medicine and clinical translation, and lots more! An increased number of platform presentations will be selected from early career researcher (ECR) and PhD student abstracts. Significant sponsorship for ECR/PhD student Conference Awards is also available – see item 3 below. Visit ASSCR conference website for a flier to advertise in your institution and for further information - <http://www.asscr.asnevents.com.au/>



3. 50 Conference Awards available for ECR/PhD students to present at ASSCR 2013

The National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia is generously sponsoring a large number of ECR (up to 20) and PhD student (up to 30) members of the ASSCR to attend the 6th Annual meeting at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Oct 27-29, 2013. These awards will cover registration and contribute to flight costs. There will also be awards for the best oral and poster presentations for ECR and for PhD students. This, together with a significant number of oral presentations allocated for young scientists and opportunities for networking with peers and some of the world's leading stem cell researchers makes for a meeting not to be missed. Information will soon be posted on the ASSCR conference website.

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