



**1. The 6<sup>th</sup> ASSCR Annual Meeting, Brisbane, October 27-29, 2013**  
**Abstract submission deadline is July 26<sup>th</sup> 2013**

An exceptional program has been organised with 3 highly acclaimed international Keynote Speakers, Christine Mummery, Huck-Hui Ng and Andras Nagy in addition to many world-leading stem cell scientists from Australia and New Zealand. 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 2 below. Abstract submission is already open until July 26<sup>th</sup> for oral presentations and awards. We will leave poster abstract submission open until end of August. Visit ASSCR conference website for a flier to advertise in your institution and for further information

<http://www.asscr.asnevents.com.au/>

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**2. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Applications are due 26<sup>th</sup> July. Further information is available on the ASSCR conference website

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

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. Hosting the ISSCR in Australia will be of major benefit to the local Stem cell community, including opportunity for large numbers of our junior members to hear world leading Stem Cell Scientists locally and to communicate directly with them.

We need to demonstrate that the ASSCR is serious about the 2018 ISSCR bid. 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 – reduced registration for the annual conference (see 1. Above), eligibility to apply for the National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia Conference travel awards to present at ASSCR 2013 meeting in Brisbane, networking opportunities with Australia's stem cell scientists and more. It's also tax deductible.

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