



GermanStemCellNetwork

7th Annual GSCN Conference

23 – 25 September 2019

Max Delbrück Center (MDC) Berlin

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Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,

June 2019

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1) GSCN Conference: Deadline for abstract submission for oral presentation is 21 June!

The 7th Annual Conference of the German Stem Cell Network (GSCN) is coming up. The conference will be held on 23 - 25 September 2019 at the Max Delbrück Centrum (MDC) in Berlin. **The deadline for early registration and abstract submission to be considered for oral presentation is 21 June.** The deadline for all other abstracts is 26 August.

Please find [here](#) the online registration and abstract submission.

2) Invitation to the GSCN WunderBar Event and Meet-Up Hub at the ISSCR Annual Meeting

Let's meet in L.A. at the ISSCR Annual Meeting: The **GSCN Meet-Up Hub** takes place on Thursday, 27 June, 15:15 – 16:00. Please join us for the informal gathering at the ISSCR to catch up with friends and colleagues, exchange news and enrich your and our network.

The **GSCN WunderBar Evening** is a great get-together for the GSCN members and friends in L.A. on 28 June from 20:30 – 23:00. Please join us for Mexican food and drinks in a relaxed and welcoming setting for networking and meeting with old and new friends. Please find a detailed invitation to GSCN members and friends for the WunderBar Evening [here](#).



We request an RSVP until 14 June to Stefanie.Mahler@mdc-berlin.de

3) Who are our next GSCN Awardees? Deadline for proposals is 21 June!

And the winner is GSCN celebrates three GSCN awards in the field of stem cell research and we would like to ask you for suggestions for two of these awards. The deadline for the proposals is Friday, 21 June 2019. Please suggest your favorite candidate!

1. Young Investigator Award (based in Germany). The candidate should be within 8 year after the doctorate degree (i.e. 2011) and in her/his first faculty/independent position (non-tenured). GSCN membership is not required. [Please place your suggestions here.](#)
2. Female Scientist Award (based in Germany) (no limitations on the level). GSCN membership is not required. [Please place your suggestions here.](#)

The awardees will give a presentation in the presidential session at the GSCN conference, 23 - 25 September 2019 in Berlin. They will be selected by the 2019 GSCN conference program committee and the executive board. We are looking forward to your suggestions!

3. Publication of the Year 2018/19 (July 2018 to June 2019).

If you would like your publication to be considered or like to suggest a publication of your colleagues, please send us the PDF to gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de. You can add some word why you believe this paper to be of major importance. Only published (at least online published) papers from July 2018 to June 2019 with a **first** and/or **last** author (including equal contribution) at a German institution can be considered.

4) GSCN Online Election: Looking for candidates!

The GSCN members elect their GSCN boards. In the coming Online Elections, the positions of the treasurer in the [Executive Board](#) and two positions in the [Extended Board](#) are open. We are looking forward to your suggestions. Please write an e-mail with your candidates to gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de.

The Online Election will be held in August 2019.

5) GSCN Annual Magazine is online available

The new GSCN Annual Magazine "Stem Cells: Research, Translation, Therapy" is online. You can find the current issue with:

- an extended report on the GSCN conference in Heidelberg 2018,
- an interview with GSCN president Hartmut Geiger about the future and the goals of the GSCN,
- an article about stem cell therapy at autoimmune diseases,
- a landscape about European Stem Cell Networks
- an insight into the latest findings of stem cells in plants

[here.](#)

The German version of the 2018/19 GSCN Jahresmagazin "Stammzellen: Forschung, Translation, Therapie" can be found [here](#).

6) News from the field April 2019

Cancer drugs promote stem cell properties of colorectal cancer

21.05.2019

Scientists from the German Cancer Research Center (Deutsches Krebsforschungszentrum, DKFZ) and the Mannheim University Medical Center have now discovered that a certain group of cancer drugs (MEK Inhibitors) activates the cancer promoting Wnt signalling pathway in colorectal cancer cells. This can lead to the accumulation of tumor cells with stem cell characteristics that are resistant to many therapies and can lead to relapses. The researchers thus provide a possible explanation for why these drugs are not effective in colorectal cancer. ([press text](#))

Erfahrungsbericht: Stammzellen – der Stoff für medizinische Forscherträume (DE)

15.5.2019

Vor allem für die regenerative Medizin bietet die Stammzellforschung in Deutschland großes Potenzial. Der 8. Erfahrungsbericht der Bundesregierung über die Durchführung des Stammzellgesetzes für 2016/17 zeigt die aktuellen Trends in Forschung und Genehmigungspraxis. ([press text](#))

Kick-off Meeting 2019: Chancen und Herausforderungen der Stammzellforschung (DE)

Das Stammzellnetzwerk.NRW veranstaltete am 13./14. Mai 2019 eine interdisziplinäre Konferenz im „Museum Kunstpalast“ in Düsseldorf. Anlass war die nun dauerhafte Förderung des Netzwerks durch das Ministerium für Kultur und Wissenschaft des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen. Die Tagung stand im Zeichen enger Zusammenarbeit zwischen biomedizinischer Forschung und den Geistes-, Rechts- und Sozialwissenschaften.

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