



Dear GSCN members, friends, and colleagues,

We cordially invite you to the [9th GSCN Conference](#) in Ulm – we dare the step toward a real physical conference from 6 to 8 October 2021 and look forward to welcome you in person in Ulm. The registration is open and we encourage you to use the early-bird-registration (until 25 June).

The registration is open, and you can submit abstracts to apply for oral presentation and/or poster presentation [here](#)! Please find all information about the conference [here](#).

We expect around 400 participants and five great international key notes with

- Cédric Blanpain (Brussels, BE),
- Alfonso Martinez Arias (Barcelona, ESP)
- Janet Rossant (Toronto, CAN)
- Takanori Takebe (Cincinnati, USA)
- Sarah Wickström (Helsinki, FIN).

There will be lots of sessions with the presentation of new findings and intense discussions about new data, two poster sessions and two social events to finally get back together in person! An interesting industry exhibition will offer latest technologies and personal contact as well as a set of sessions.

There will be different symposia from **ELSA** to different focus topics to a central **Presidential Session**, where the GSCN awardees 2021 will present their findings and a presidential invite will offer insight into new data. A **Non-PI-meeting** will be again taking place – and as innovative input from the pandemic experience it is planned as a hybrid meeting.

We are optimistic, that the conference will take place in person in Ulm. But if the Corona pandemic and the pandemic guidelines should disturb that possibility we will proceed as an online conference and repeat the great conference experience of 2020 – just with more expertise and knowledge of all the virtual tools. The decision about the final form of the conference is made on 25 July.

Let's hope for the best – see you in Ulm!

Information relating to the Corona Pandemic: The health and safety of GSCN conference participants is our top priority. For this reason, we will follow the guidelines of the responsible authorities. We cannot foresee at the current time (April 2021) whether the conference will take place either 1) completely, 2) with reduced participation numbers (to allow additional space between participants), 3) virtually (online), or 4) will be canceled. **Therefore, we accept payments of conference fees only after 25 July** to avoid unnecessary administrative efforts and banking fees if payment must be reimbursed in case of cancellation (4) or reduced numbers of participants (2). Nevertheless, we consider the registration legally binding, and you will have to transfer the amount when the conference takes place physically. The rules of cancellation apply. Nonetheless we are

aiming to offer the best possible solutions in the sense of goodwill to offer all participants a chance to join the conference, be it physical or virtual.

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