



GSCN-Newsletter

Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,

August 2017

the annual GSCN Conference is coming closer and a lot of GSCN highlights are in preparation. Read more:

- 1) GSCN awardees 2017 are announced!
- 2) News from the GSCN conference in Jena
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1) GSCN awardees 2017 are announced – awards lectures at the Presidential Symposium

The "GSCN 2017 Young Investigator Award" goes to [Francesco Neri](#) from the Leibniz Institute on Aging – Fritz Lipmann Institute (FLI) in Jena.

The "GSCN 2017 Female Scientist Award" goes to [Elly Tanaka](#) from the Institute for Molecular Pathology IMP in Vienna and the TU Dresden.

The "GSCN 2017 Publication of the Year Award" goes to [J. Gray Camp](#) and [Barbara Treutlein](#) (Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig), together with Dr. Keisuke Sekine and Prof. Takanori Takebe (Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center). The award honors the publication "Multilineage communication regulates human liver bud development from pluripotency" in the journal *Nature* (Camp, JG et al., 2017, *Nature* 546, 533-538, doi: 10.1038 / nature22796).

The three GSCN awards are endowed with 1,500 euros each, and the prizewinners will give a lecture at the Presidential Symposium on 12 September at this year's GSCN Stem Cell Conference.

Read more about the awards and awardees 2017 [here](#).

2) News from the GSCN conference – Meet-the-expert tables

Please check out the latest developments on the [GSCN conference in Jena here](#):

The experts for the "Meet-the-expert tables" will be

on **Tuesday, 12 September**, 13:15 - 14:15:

[Thomas Höfer \(DKFZ\)](#) / [Thomas Braun \(MPI-HLR\)](#) / [Claudia Waskow \(TU Dresden\)](#)

on **Wednesday, 13 September**, 13:15 - 14:15:

[Ralf Sanzenbacher \(PEI\)](#) / [Andreas Bosio \(Miltenyi\)](#) / [Bert Klebl \(LDC\)](#)

Please register for the "Meet-the-expert tables" with a short mail to gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de – it is on a *first come, first serve-basis*. They are limited to 10 registered participants each. You'll have the chance to discuss with the experts your projects and ideas.

3) Public event in Jena about stem cell research on 13 September – in German

[Free entry: Panel discussion about stem cells in the Volksbad Jena](#)

Modern cell therapies - stem cells in aging, cancer disease & organoids

Fundamental research on stem cells provides important insights for the development of modern cell therapies. Following the 5th Annual Conference of the German Stem Cell Network (GSCN), four renowned scientists will be at the disposal of the Jena audience during a panel discussion. Stem cells are close at hand - on the pulse of research, the audience will gain insights into the field of organoids, research on cancer and blood stem cells as well as their immune functions with

- Prof. Dr. Florian Heidel, University Hospital Jena & Leibniz Institute on Aging – Fritz-Lipmann-Institute
- Prof. Dr. Jürgen Knoblich, Institute for Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA), Vienna
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Trumpp, German Cancer Research Center DKFZ, Heidelberg
- Prof. Dr. Claudia Waskow, TU Dresden

Program:

18:30 Uhr: Entry and poster exhibition about stem cells

Where: Volksbad

19:00 Uhr: Discussion & short videos

Knebelstraße 10

20:30 Uhr – 21 Uhr: snack & drinks

07743 Jena

The event will be the first occasion to show new GSCN videos about the participating researchers!

4) News from the field July/August 2017

Stem cell research: Evotec AG and Fraunhofer IME-SP sign strategic collaboration

Hamburg, 3.8.2017

To ensure the development of better drug candidates in the field of patient-derived iPS cells, Evotec AG and the Fraunhofer Institute for Molecular Biology and Applied Ecology IME are entering into a strategic alliance.

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"Berlin is in the starting blocks" (DE)

Berlin, 5.7.2017

The top biologist Alexander Meissner moves from the Broad Institute in Cambridge to the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics in Berlin-Dahlem.

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New cell therapies from Wedding (DE)

Berlin, 6.6.2017

On the Virchow campus of the Charité, from 2018 onwards, cells are being researched as a remedy and developed until their application to the patient.

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