



**Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,**

2015 is going to be an interesting, packed and amazing year. Lots of workshops, conferences and meetings on stem cell research take place. We support your enthusiasm about stem cell research with travel awards – just apply and spread the news about it. Remarkable are as well our new awards for outstanding scientists, please take a closer look and choose your favorite scientist as nominee for one of the awards. Networking is a basic tool for scientists, please consider being part of our Non-PI-Meeting, it might improve your career and will certainly be very interesting. Have fun reading our newsletter!

### **3rd International Annual Conference of the GSCN - Save the date!**

We had to slightly reschedule date and place of our upcoming conference.

Please save the new date and place:

#### **9 – 11 September 2015**

Otto-Stern-Center, Goethe University, Campus Riedberg, Frankfurt/Main  
Please find further information on the [conference website 2015](#).

### **GSCN-Travel Awards to the ISSCR Meeting 2015**

ISSCR has extended the deadline for abstract submission to the [ISSCR2015 annual meeting](#) in Stockholm, 24-27 June 2015. Abstracts are now due 11 February 2015. Don't miss your final opportunity to apply for GSCN Travel Awards to the ISSCR meeting. GSCN travel awards are available for GSCN members and stem cell scientists researching in Germany. The deadline for the application is **16 February 2015**. Please find further details [here](#).

### **Wanted: Suggestions for GSCN-Awards**

Following the decision of the GSCN executive board in Heidelberg to establish three GSCN awards, we would like to ask you for suggestions for two of these awards:

**1. Young Investigator** (German-based) (The candidate should be within 8 year after the doctorate degree and in her/his first faculty/independent position (non-tenured); GSCN membership is not required)

**2. Female Scientist** (based in Germany) (no limitations on the level; GSCN membership is not required)

All awardees will give a presentation in the presidential session at the GSCN conference on 10 September 2015 in Frankfurt/Main. **The GSCN would welcome your suggestion by 31 March 2015.**

The third award “Best publication of the Year” will be selected in July 2015 based on the publications from June 2014 - June 2015 (the first author will be presenting). The awardees will be selected by the GSCN conference 2015 program committee and the executive board.

Please place your suggestions for:

**Young Investigator Award** -> [here](#)

**Female Scientist Award** -> [here](#).

### Satellite Events of the GSCN at the NRW Meeting (21 – 22 April)

#### Non-PI-Meeting

Immediately before the [8th International Meeting of the Stem Cell Network NRW](#) in Bonn (April 21 - 22, 2015) the GSCN will host a 'Non-PI meeting' as satellite event on April 20, 2015. The goal of this workshop is to foster interaction between members of the individual working groups in a relaxed atmosphere and to discuss and identify expectations and needs of the working group members in the individual fields. Each working group will have the possibility to nominate two speakers (students/postdocs); altogether there will be four sessions with a total of 14 talks (20 min per person). We are planning to have further Non-PI meetings for each individual working group at a central location in Germany starting later this year.

If you are interested in participating in the Non-PI meeting in Bonn, please send a short letter of motivation including your affiliation and your field of research to the coordinator of the [scientific working group](#) that is most relevant to your research. In case you have any further questions relating to this Non-PI meeting, please contact Daniel Besser at [gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de](mailto:gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de).

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Bioinformatics and Stem Cells Satellite Workshop

The GSCN is the main supporter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Bioinformatics and Stem Cells Satellite Workshop which will be held after the 8<sup>th</sup> NRW meeting from 22 – 23 April 2015 in Bonn. The organizers would like to provide an interdisciplinary platform where different perspectives can meet and discuss problems of stem cell data processing and analysis.

[Slots for speakers as well as three GSCN travel awards available!](#) Please submit your applications until **28 February 2015**. The application should include a PDF file of the submitted abstract and a short statement by the applicant why the travel award is of particular importance (up to 100 words). The applicant must be registered and the first author of the submitted abstract. Winners of travel awards are selected by a review panel based on quality of the abstract. Please find further information [here](#).

### Upcoming conferences

[StemCellMathLab'15](#) – 7<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Concepts and Mathematical Models of Stem Cell Organization: Aging of Mammalian Stem Cells: Observations, Concepts, Models, and Perspectives 13 -14 April 2015, Leipzig (Germany)

#### [Epigenetic regulation of hematopoiesis and leukemogenesis](#)

21 - 22 April 2015, Strasbourg (France)

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