




## GSCN-Newsletter

Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,

Mai 2016

For anyone who is seeking financial support for the participation in stem cell conferences, schools and workshops, these are great news – the GSCN is distributing new travel grants.

Have a nice and sunny May!

- 1) **New: Apply for GSCN Travel Grants to stem cell events**
- 2) **Abstract deadline for GSCN Conference 2016 coming up on 31 May!**
- 3) **News from the field in April 2016**
- 4) **GSCN now on Facebook – like us and stay informed. Click here  or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/GermanStemCellNetwork>**

More information:

### 1) **New: Apply for GSCN Travel Grants to stem cell events**

The GSCN working groups offer a new chance for Ph.D.- and postdoc-level researchers to visit international and national conferences, workshops and scientific schools relevant to stem cell research. GSCN members as well as stem cell researcher working in Germany can apply!

The travel grants include up to 500 € for an event in Germany or Europe and up to 1000 € outside Europe. A brief report (1-2 pages) about the event is mandatory for the recipients of a travel grant.

Please send an application including a submitted abstract (if applicable for the event) and a short statement of motivation to [gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de](mailto:gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de). The application must be submitted at least one month before the event. Contact us if you require further information.

### 2) **Abstract deadline for GSCN Conference 2016 coming up on 31 May!**

September is coming sooner than we imaging and with it the **GSCN Conference 2016** from the **12 – 14 Sept. in Hannover**. Submit your abstracts now and take advantage of the early bird conference fee. The deadline is the **31 May 2016**.

Conference Website: [www.gscn.org/Conferences/2016/HOME.aspx](http://www.gscn.org/Conferences/2016/HOME.aspx)

### 3) **News from the field in April 2016**

### **Stem Cells: Presentation of the iPS-Center CARE in Munich**

Munich, 15 April 2016

Big stage in the Munich residence: The leaders of the stem cell technology center CARE have presented their ideas to stakeholder in politics, science and economy. The "Center for Advanced Regenerative Engineering" will combine modern stem cell technology and pharmaceutical research as a translational center. ([press text in German](#))

### **New technique wants to recover the sight for blind persons**

Dresden, 9 April 2016

Three stem cell researchers Elly Tanaka, Marius Ader and Mike Karl of the Center for Regenerative Therapies at the Technical University Dresden want to fight against age-related diseases as macular degeneration (AMD). They managed to create retina cells out of stem cells in the laboratory. ([press text](#))

### **Eppendorf addressing stem cell scale-up challenges in Horizon 2020 project**

Hamburg/Hannover, 8 April 2016

An international consortium coordinated from the MH-Hannover including the GSCN member company Eppendorf will tackle the challenges of scaling-up human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) as part of a Horizon 2020 project TECHNOBEAT to develop cell-based heart therapies. ([press text](#))

### **Interview about promising lab-grown skin sprouts hair and grows glands: Artificial human skin will be available in 5 years**

Cologne, 7 April 2016

The generation of human skin is just around the corner based on the success in the production of artificial mouse skin with hairs and sweat glands. Jürgen Hescheler talks about the state of research in an interview ([press text in German](#))

### **Bioreactor will produce stem cells for therapies**

Würzburg, 5 April 2016

Frank Edenhofer's aim is to produce stem cells in such a high number that diseases as Alzheimer or Parkinson could be treated. He is cooperating with the pharma industry Merck Millipore SAS. ([press text in German](#))

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