The Conference is to be held at the Auditorium of Abandoibarra

Address: Avenida Abandoibarra, 3, 48009 - Bilbao

The conference will announce the principal findings of the REMEDI project which over the past three years has explored developments in the political, socio-economic, legal and bioethical domains in the field of regenerative medicine (RM), both in Europe and at the global level. Findings will be presented through an integrated series of presentations that cover these three domains, the trends we see, their implications for clinical translation, and for regulatory policy. An extensive global database of activity in the area will be given its first public presentation.

The conference will be of interest to academics from social science and bioethical communities, legislators and policy-makers in Europe, members of the European Commission especially Health and Consumer Protection Directorate General (DG Sanco), bioscientists and clinicians in the field, civil society organisations, international patient associations, and corporate decision-makers. As we are meeting in Bilbao, we hope especially to welcome social scientists and bioscientists/clinicians from Spain who are working in this area. Postgraduate researchers are especially welcome.

Registration:

There is NO registration fee.
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Bringing Regenerative Medicine to the Clinic: Trials and Tribulations in Europe and Beyond

Regenerative Medicine in Europe (REMEDIE) Closing Conference

April 18-19 2011,
University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Bilbao, Spain
Day 1: April 18th  Mapping the Field: The Evidence

9.00  Registration  (Room: LABOA, 2nd Floor)

9.30  Welcome to the Conference  (BAROJA HALL, 2nd Floor)
Vice-Chancellor and Professor Itziar Alkorta, University of the Basque Country

9.40  Introduction to the REMEDIE Project
Professor Andrew Webster, (University of York, UK)

10.00  Opening Keynote Address: What are the challenges of bringing RM to the clinic?
Professor Michael Whitaker, Co-Director North East England Stem Cell Institute (NESC), University of Newcastle
Chair: Professor Donna Dickenson (International Advisory Group [IAG] member)

10.45  Panel and discussion (1): The European RM market – Dr Michael Morrison (University of York), Dr Stuart Hogarth (KCL), Dr Beth Kewell (University of York), Dr Maria del Mar Vivanco (CIC biogUNE).
Facilitator: Professor Giuseppe Testa (IAG Member/ Director, Laboratory of Stem Cell Epigenetics, Milan)

11.30  Coffee break

12.00  Panel and discussion (2): RM bioethical and legal developments: Professor Kathrin Braun (University of Hanover), Professor Itziar Alkorta (University of the Basque Country, Spain), Professor Judit Sandor (CEU, Hungary)
Facilitator: Dr Itílio de Miguel Beriain (University of Deusto, Spain)

12.45  Lunch

14.00  Panel and discussion (3): Clinical trialing in the RM fields; distinct pathways and problems of Harmonisation
Christian Haddad (University of Vienna), Professor Catherine Waldby (University of Sydney), Professor Anna Veiga (Stem Cell Bank, Barcelona, Spain)
Facilitator: Dr Sheryl Vanderpoel (IAG member/ WHO Geneva)

14.45  Panel and discussion (4): Bioscience, European policy and the governance in the RM field
Professor Carlos Romeo Casabona (University of the Basque Country/Spanish Bioethics Committee), Professor Brian Salter (KCL), Professor Herbert Gottweis (University of Vienna)
Facilitator: Professor Linda Hogle (IAG member)

15.30  Keynote Address: The Spanish Stem Cell Bank and the challenge of international banking.
Professor Javier Arias-Díaz (Instituto de Salud Carlos III)
Chair: Dr Simone Bateman (IAG member/CNRS-Université Paris Descartes)

16.15  Break

16.35  Parallel Open Session (1)
A. The bioethics of stem cells (I)
Room: ELHUYAR (Ground Floor)
- Jorqui Azofra M and Lasa López A.: Stem Cell Tourism: Ethical and Legal Dilemmas
Facilitator: Haidan Chen

B. Stem cell banking in national and international contexts (I)
Room: ARRIAGA (2nd Floor)
- Zorzoli C.: Stem cell banking in Italy
- Beloqui I., Pavón A., Zabaleta L., Ferrín I., Salcedo JM., Trigueros C., Velón L., Martin AG.: Inbiobank, the first adult stem cell biobank authorized in Spain
Facilitator: Emílio Armaza-Armaza

C. Corporate investment and the current and future pattern of RM products
Room: BARANDIARÁN (Ground Floor)
- Mysczuk AP, Atienza E. and de Meirelles JML.: Lobby, the Release of Embryonic Stem Cell Research and the 2005 Brazilian Biosafety Law (a Comparison with the State of Affairs in Spain)
- Morrison M.: Dynamics of cell science and commercial niches in regenerative medicine
Facilitator: Simone Penasa

17.15  Keynote Address: Regulation of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products in the EU: What’s been achieved since Regulation 1394/2007
Dr Christopher Bravery (Director Advanced Biologicals and former member of the UK’s Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency)
Chair: Professor Andrew Webster

18.00  Drinks reception

19.00  Dinner

Day 2: April 19th  Going Global

9.15  The current context in China and the US: comparative analysis of innovation in the field Professor Herbert Gottweis, University of Vienna and Haidan Chen (Zhejiang University China)
Chair: Professor Catherine Waldby, (University of Sydney)

10.00  Parallel Open Session (2)
A. Regulation and governance within the regenerative medicine field (I)
Room: ELHUYAR (Ground Floor)
- Testa G.: Stem cells and the structuring of the Italian bioindustry around the promise of regenerative medicine
- McMahon D.: Comparison of RM governance in Brazil, China and India
Facilitator: Ingrid Schneider

B. Stem cell banking in national and international contexts (II)
Room: ARRIAGA (2nd Floor)
- Waldby C.: Deliberation and preservation: the role of tissue banking in the decision to donate eggs and embryos for stem cell research
- Chen H. and Starkbaum J.: Publics and Biobanks in China and Europe: A Comparative Perspective
Facilitator: Antonio Casado da Rocha

C. Laboratory to clinic – translational medicine in practice (I)
Room: BARANDIARÁN (Ground Floor)
- Mitra J., Lowrie H., Tait J. & Mastroeni M.: Overcoming the Translational Gap in Commercialisation of Stem Cell Therapy
- Rushforth A.: Translational Research as an ‘Object of Attachment’? UK Academics’ Responses towards the Transnational Promise
Facilitator: György Kovács

11.00  Break