



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, Bilbao, Spain

Preliminary Programme and Call for Papers

Conference Theme

This conference will announce the principal findings of the **REMEDiE 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 also provides an opportunity for other researchers working in the field to present their own work on regenerative medicine, stem cells and banking through a series of **parallel sessions on each day** of the meeting.

- a) *Presentations from the REMEDiE project* will provide new evidence and fresh insights relating to the following issues will be presented:
 - The geographical and technological stratification of the European RM sector, its diverse (and highly uneven) markets, innovation strategies and its implications for appropriate policy-making
 - The distinctive innovation and governance model being developed in India, China and Japan
 - The specific challenges associated with developing large-scale trials in the area and pressures towards harmonisation across Europe
 - The emergence of indirect forms of commercialization of oocytes for reproductive and research purposes and the regulatory challenges that need to be addressed here

- The emergence of distinctive and competing bioethical networks that frame RM in very different ways.

A *Policy Brief* relating to the five themes above will be circulated in advance of the meeting to all delegates and these will be used to inform the Panel discussions over the two days

b) *Parallel Sessions*: papers are invited relating to the following themes:

- *The bioethics of stem cells*
- *Regulation and governance within the regenerative medicine field*
- *Stem cell banking in national and international contexts*
- *Clinical trialing in regenerative medicine*
- *Corporate investment and the current and future pattern of RM products*
- *Laboratory to clinic – translational medicine in practice*

Keynote Speakers include:

Christopher Bravery, Advanced Biologicals UK
 Anna Veiga, Director Stem Cell Bank, Barcelona, Spain (tbc)
 Andrew Webster, Director SATSU, UK
 Michael Whitaker, Co-Director, Stem Cell Institute, UK

Other participants (Workpackage leads) from the REMEDIÉ Project:

Itziar Alkorta (University of the Basque Country, Spain)
 Kathrin Braun (University of Hanover, Germany)
 Herbert Gottweis (University of Vienna, Austria)
 Michael Morrison (University of York, UK)
 Graham Lewis (University of York)
 Brian Salter, (Kings College London, UK)
 Judit Sandor (Central European University, Hungary)

Who should come?: 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 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.



Venue: The Conference is to be held on the new **Auditorium of Abandoibarra** at the beautiful campus of the University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, located nearby the Guggenheim museum. <http://www.bilbao.net/callejero2006/pkal0000.jsp?idioma=c&color=rojo>



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There is NO registration fee.

Registration: To register for the conference please use the online facility at:

www.york.ac.uk/satsu/remedie/events/

Deadline for registration: March 31, 2011

To offer a paper, please send your abstract (250 words max) to Professor Andrew Webster, University of York by email at:

andrew.webster@york.ac.uk

Deadline for abstracts: Feb 28 2011