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Human Pluripotent Stem Cells symposium: interrogating disease and development

April 22-24 2009, Dublin, Ireland



Organized by Stephen Sullivan and Abcam.

This conference will focus on both basic and therapeutic applications of human pluripotent stem cells and their differentiated derivatives. Epigenetic and reprogramming mechanisms underpinning derivation, maintenance and differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells will be discussed. The emergence of human pluripotent stem cells as a platform for generating large quantities of disease-specific material will also be a key component of the meeting, focusing specifically on two applications: disease modeling and drug screening.

The conference boasts an impressive list of international speakers in this focused and rapidly expanding area of medical science and will constitute the first major stem cell meeting to be held in Ireland.

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The logo for Cell Stem Cell, with "Cell" in a large, bold, black font and "Stem Cell" in a smaller, bold, black font below it.

Visit Dublin

Dublin, Ireland's vivacious and welcoming capital is the ideal venue; it has great transport links so delegates will find travelling here easy and the compactness of the city means it's only a leisurely walk to your next stop. It is well renowned for its friendliness and generous hospitality so visitors won't be disappointed.

There is one major international [airport](#) in Dublin, situated approximately 10km north of the city center.

Venue

[Croke Park Conference Center](#) (also the home of Ireland's native sports [Hurling](#) and [Gaelic football](#)) is a purpose built facility in central Dublin. The conference center is approximately 15-20 minutes by taxi from the airport which is well served by taxis and local transport.

Accommodation There are plenty of accommodation options in the local area, the closest being the [Jury Croke Park Hotel](#) conveniently located opposite the Hogan Stand. .

Further information regarding special hotel arrangements for conference delegates will be available shortly.

Meeting topics

- Epigenetics and nuclear reprogramming
- Molecular networks underpinning pluripotency
- Directed differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells
- Derivation of human iPS cells
- Disease modelling
- Drug screening
- Cell replacement therapy

Invited speakers

- [Dan Anderson](#) (MIT)
- [Nissim Benvenisty](#) (University of Jerusalem)
- [Alan Colman](#) (A*STAR Institute of Medical Biology, Singapore)
- [Chad Cowan](#) (Massachusetts General Hospital)
- [Hongkui Deng](#) (Peking University)
- [Chris Denning](#) (University of Nottingham)
- [Kevin Eggan](#) (Stowers Medical Institute)
- Paolo Di Giorgio (Salk Institute of Biological Studies)
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- [Jeffrey Karp](#) (Harvard Stem Cell Institute)
- [Rick Livesey](#) (University of Cambridge)
- [Christine Mummery](#) (Leiden University)
- [In-Hyun Park](#) (Children's Hospital Massachusetts)
- [Marc Peschanski](#) (Institute for Stem Cell Therapy, Genopole)
- [Lee Rubin](#) (Harvard University)
- [Benjamin Reubinoff](#) (Hodassah University, Jerusalem)
- [Miodrag Stojkovic](#) (University of Valencia)
- [Lorenz Studer](#) (Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research)
- Stephen Sullivan (Leiden University)
- [Azim Surani](#) (University of Cambridge)
- [Ian Wilmut](#) (University of Edinburgh)
- [Thomas Zwaka](#) (Baylor College of Medicine, Texas)

[Click here for speakers biographies](#)

Registration Registration will be available here shortly.

Abstracts Abstracts for poster presentation are now invited. Those which most closely fit within the topics of the meeting will be selected.

Poster abstract deadline: **February 27, 2009**

Space for posters is unlimited.

Posters will be judged. The winner will receive up to £75 off their registration for a future Abcam conference or an antibody from the Abcam catalog.

[Abstract submission guidelines.](#) 

Social Event An optional social event has been arranged for the evening of 23 April at the world famous 16th century [Abbey Tavern](#) in Howth. The event will include a meal followed by a show of traditional Irish music, song & dance.

The social event is optional and delegates can book their place when registering for the conference. Transport will be provided to/from the social event. Further information about the social event will be available shortly.

Sponsorship If you are interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at this meeting, please [contact us](#) for more information.

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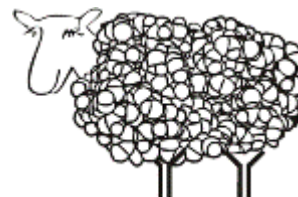
Terms and conditions

Delegates are advised to ensure they have adequate travel insurance to cover their attendance at the conference in case of incident, or cancellation due to circumstances beyond Abcam's control.

- All fees payable to Abcam are non-refundable
- Substitute delegates may be made at any time

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