Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,

Summertime, conference time, workshop time … have a good time reading the GSCN-newsletter!

1) Extended: Deadline Abstract Submission - 19 June 2017

The new extended deadline for the abstract submission (considered for oral presentation) is 19 June 2017.

The new deadline is as well applicable for the registration for the non-PI-meeting on 14 September 2017 in Jena. Topic is trouble shooting. Participation is free of charge, a social evening and accommodation on 13 September is covered by the GSCN.

2) Wanted: Nominees for GSCN Awards 2017

We would like to ask for your suggestions for two of the GSCN awards:

1. **GSCN Young Investigator Award** (based in Germany) 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
   - The GSCN Young Investigator Award 2015 went to Julia Ladewig, Bonn.
   - The GSCN Young Investigator Award 2016 went to Leo Kurian, Cologne.

2. **GSCN Female Scientist Award** (based in Germany) no limitations on the level; GSCN membership is not required
   - The GSCN Female Scientist Award 2015 went to Magdalena Götz, Munich.
   - The GSCN Female Scientist Award 2016 went to Claudia Waskow, Dresden.

3. **GSCN Best Publication of the Year 2017** (based in Germany) the award “Best publication of the Year” will be selected in July 2017 based on the publications from June 2016 - June 2017; the first author will be presenting at the GSCN conference in Jena.
   - The GSCN Best Publication of the Year 2015 went to Jichang Wang, Berlin
   - The GSCN Best Publication of the Year 2016 went to Guanqgi Song / Martin Pacher, Hannover
The GSCN would welcome your suggestions for nominees for the GSCN awards by 19 June 2017. Please place your suggestions for:

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

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

The GSCN will select an outstanding publication (June 2016 – June 2017) for the GSCN Publication of the Year Award 2017:

The “Publication of the Year” will be selected in July 2017, the first author will be presenting at the GSCN conference. If you like to have a publication considered for the "Publication of the Year" Award, please send the pdf to the GSCN office (gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de). You can also include a brief statement why the paper is an important contribution to the field of stem cell research.

The awardees will give a presentation in the presidential session at the GSCN conference on 12 September 2017 in Jena. Each award also includes an amount of 1,500 €.

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3) **Invitation to the GSCN WunderBar and Meet-up Hub at the ISSCR in Boston 2017**

It is ISSCR time again and many GSCN members will come to Boston to the annual ISSCR meeting on 14 - 17 June: That means – it is WunderBar time again. For the third time the GSCN wants to invite all of its members at the ISSCR meeting to a wonderful **GSCN WunderBar evening**

Friday 16 June
20:30 to 22:30 o’clock

**Rosa Mexicana**
155 Seaport Blvd., Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(5 min walk from the Convention Center)

If you want to join our WunderBar, please send us an rsvp-mail to gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de – we are looking forward to a great GSCN-party in Boston.

What is the GSCN WunderBar evening? By now a tradition at the ISSCR annual meeting where GSCN members gather, enjoy drinks and food, networking and celebrating, friends and colleagues and guests – a great experience and a very enjoyable social event.

Another good tradition for the GSCN is the **GSCN Meet-up Hub** for GSCN members, friends and guests at the ISSCR Annual Meeting. It’s a great chance to network, meet and exchange latest news. Please drop by and spend an hour of GSCN–hosted networking and gathering:

**GSCN Meet-up Hub**
Thursday 15 June
15:15 to 16:00 o’clock

exhibition & poster hall: (Boston Convention and Exhibition Center-BCEC), Level 1 Hall A.

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6) **News from the field May 2017**

**Vitamin A deficiency is detrimental to blood stem cells**

Lack of vitamin A in the body has a detrimental effect on the hematopoietic system in the
bone marrow. The deficiency causes a loss of important blood stem cells, scientists from the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the Heidelberg Institute of Stem Cell Research and Experimental Medicine (HI-STEM) report in the latest issue of the journal CELL (press text)

This neurobiologist from Bonn cultivates mini brains (DE)
The neurobiologist Julia Ladewig wants to fight developmental disorders in embryos and children. (press text)

Mini-brains grow in laboratory
Stem cell research makes many things possible. In the meantime, self-cultured mini-organs thrive in the laboratories. Scientists from all over the world have been discussing progress in the Halle Münsterland since Tuesday at the International Meeting of the Kompetenznetzwerk Stammzellforschung NRW. (press text)

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