



GermanStemCellNetwork

8th Annual GSCN Conference

23 – 25 September 2020

Ulm University



Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,

May 2020

these are difficult and challenging times, living, and working with the Corona virus (SARS-CoV-2). We are aware that you are working hard to keep your research on a working level, the home office running and your colleagues and families safe. We want to express our sincere hope that we will go safe, healthy, and cooperating through this crisis – and meet each other in person at the 8th Annual GSCN Conference in September in Ulm. We are preparing a real conference but are taking into consideration that the pandemic situation may lead to an adapted form of virtual meeting as possible option.

We have more news about our new exhibition “Zellen fürs Leben” – analogue and digital – as well as our GSCN Annual Magazine “Stem Cell Research and Diseases I”.

- 1) Coming and **open for registration**: 8th GSCN Annual Conference in Ulm from 23 to 25 Sept. 2020
- 2) Rewarding and promising: GSCN travel awards – deadline is 31 May
- 3) New and inspiring: GSCN Annual Magazine 2019/20
- 4) Great for outreach: GSCN exhibition “Zellen fürs Leben”
- 5) Welcome to the office: GSCN project manager Antje Veldhues started

1) 8th GSCN Annual Conference in Ulm – 23 to 25 September 2020

Registration is open! Early Bird tickets, abstract submission to be considered for oral presentation and application for travel awards for the GSCN Conference ends 19 June

We are excited to invite you to the [8th GSCN Annual Conference to Ulm!](#) We are looking forward to a sensational program, reuniting, meeting with old and new friends and colleagues, exchanging data and findings – that is the scenario we are hoping for.

International Keynote Speakers will be:

- Bertie Göttgens (Cambridge, UK)
- Jonathan Kimmelman (Montreal, CAN)
- Christine Mummery (Leiden, NL)
- Shahragim Tajbakhsh (Paris, FR)
- Marius Wernig (Stanford, US)

Find the **program** and **all information on the venue** [here](#).

The GSCN is aware, that we yet cannot know how the situation will be in fall. Therefore we ask you to register as usual. Best as always is the early bird, deadline is 19 June.

Registration details are [here](#).

But due to the insecure planning situation we ask you to pay the registration fee after the 24 July – that is our date to decide whether we will have a real or a virtual meeting.

The GSCN produced a [conference video in Berlin](#) – as a memory and as a teaser for future meetings – please check it out, enjoy it - and use it for your outreach to let your institute know about the upcoming 8th GSCN Annual Conference.

2) GSCN travel awards – deadline is 31 May

If you would like to apply for a travel award for a stem cell research conference in the time from 1 July till 30 Sept., you should do it soon – deadline for the applications is 31 May.

GSCN members and scientists in Germany can apply for travel awards to international stem cell conferences, workshops, and events. To apply please send the submitted abstract to the event and a short letter of motivation (max. 1 page) to the GSCN Office (gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de). The letter should contain 1) the importance of the event for the applicant, 2) how the applicant profits from the event and 3) why financial support is important.

The travel award winner receives 500 € for a European conference and 1000 € for a conference oversea.

Attention: For the GSCN conference the travel awardee gets 400 € plus the registration fee – but the deadline is 19 June.

3) GSCN Annual Magazine 2019/20: Stem Cell Research and Disease I

The new annual magazine of the GSCN is published. Each member should have received their hard copy by mail (if not, please notify us: gscn.office@mdc-berlin.de).

If you are interested in the magazine – it is online [here](#).

The magazine focuses in its editorial part on:

- Diabetes and cell-based therapies
- Stem cells of the gastrointestinal tract
- Stem cell based retinal therapies
- Research on ALS
- Bioethics ins Germany - an essay by Jens Reich
- BIH: From research to health

We hope you enjoy the articles, the conference report, the incredible pictures – we are looking forward to your [feedback](#).

4) Great for outreach: [GSCN exhibition “Zellen fürs Leben”](#) (DE)

The GSCN has developed an exhibition for institutes, universities, and schools - 10 posters on topics of current stem cell research. The themes are:

- Stem Cells in general
- Diabetes
- Organoids
- Skin
- Cancer
- Parkinson
- Eyes
- Blood & Leukemia
- Heart
- Ethics

Each poster is accompanied by a website, which deepens the information with videos, factsheets, and an interactive quiz. The exhibition is in German.

The highlight: The posters are available in DINA 0 format on the [GSCN exhibition website](#) - anyone can download the posters, print them - and immediately have a complete, analogue and digitally enhanced exhibition on stem cells at hand.

The exhibition is also available in a design for roll-ups (85 x 200 cm) - if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact stefanie.mahler@mdc-berlin.de . She will send you the print files free of charge.

You want to see the exhibition or print your posters? Take a look [here](#). Please spread the word in your networks about the exhibition "Zellen fürs Leben".

5) Welcome to the office: GSCN project manager Antje Veldhues started

Antje Veldhues joined the GSCN office in Berlin in May 2020 as the new project manager. She is a long-time conference organizer and is a real expert in this field. Antje Veldhues will plan the annual conferences, organize workshops, and manage the association business.

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