



GermanStemCellNetwork

Dear GSCN members, friends, and colleagues,

We wish you a healthy, successful, and happy New Year! It is going to be an exciting year, because the GSCN is entering a long-term cooperation with the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) and we are very pleased about the future collaboration.

- 1) GSCN & BIH start “Dialog Platform for Stem Cell Research”
- 2) Update of GSCN teaching material
- 3) UniStem Day 2021 – GSCN developed logo

1) GSCN & BIH initiate the “Dialog Platform for Stem Cell Research”

With the start of 2021, the German Stem Cell Network (GSCN) jumps into a new era: As of 1 January 2021, the GSCN and the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) have formally entered into a close cooperation joining forces to advance translation in the field of stem cell research. They are founding the "**Dialog Platform for Stem Cell Research**", which will network and promote national and international stem cell research even more effectively.

Joint activities will be launched and expanded, such as conferences, workshops, advanced training for young scientists, and events for the public such as the UniStem Day for high school students. "We are very much looking forward to the close cooperation with the BIH, because we pursue the same goals: We want to connect scientists, initiate new collaborations and translate research results into therapies for patients," explains Hans Schöler, director at the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine in Münster and acting president of the GSCN. Structurally, the GSCN will continue to exist as a Germany-wide association with its many international collaborations.

The Chairman of the BIH Board of Directors, Christopher Baum, welcomes the close collaboration with the GSCN. "Our two BIH focus areas ‘Regenerative Therapies’ and ‘Single Cell Approaches for Personalized Medicine’ are closely linked to stem cell research: In both, research on and with, stem cells play an important role, cooperations already exist, and new research alliances will be formed. We look forward to working together with the GSCN to expand the activities of the BIH beyond Berlin across Germany."

Please contact us at [GSCN central office](#) if you would like more information.

2) Update of GSCN teaching material "[understanding-stemcells.info](#)" / "[stammzellen-verstehen.de](#)"

The GSCN has updated its teaching material for high schools. New topics are included – and novel formats are adapted for classroom and online-schooling. If you are in contact with teachers please let them know about the material or if you yourself are planning any event, you may want to use it, too!

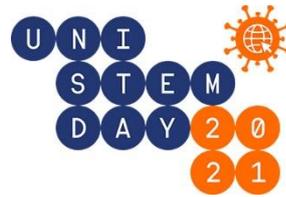
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3) UniStem Day 2021 – GSCN developed logo – 5 March 2021



UniStem Day logo 2021



Online-UniStem Day logo 2021

The UniStem Day in 2021 is taking place on 5 March 2021 in many cities across Germany. Although most European countries decided to cancel this Stem Cell Day in 2021 due to the pandemic, here in Germany it is still up and running. Two logos are available from the GSCN: one for physical and one for online events. If you have an idea for an activity at the UniStemDay in your institute just contact [Stefanie Mahler](mailto:Stefanie.Mahler@gscn.de) at the GSCN central office and she will send logos and more information.

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