



Dear GSCN members, friends and colleagues,

Spring is coming, birds are flying high – and early bird tickets to conferences can be organized. For example for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the GSCN** – please save the date 9 - 11 Sept. 2015 in Frankfurt/Main and plan an early registration.

We would like to encourage you to participate in selecting future **GSCN Awardees** by suggesting candidates – the deadline for two new GSCN Awards is **tomorrow**, 31 March!

Planning the participation at conferences is one step – planning the conference schedule is another: We are already thinking about the **ISSCR 2015 Meeting** and want to invite you to two special GSCN events in Stockholm.

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Annual Conference of the GSCN - Save the date!**

**9 – 11 September 2015**

Otto-Stern-Center, Goethe-University, Campus Riedberg, Frankfurt/Main

Please find further information on the [conference website 2015](#).

**Deadline on Tuesday: Suggestions for GSCN-Awards**

Following the decision of the GSCN Executive Board in Heidelberg to establish three GSCN Awards, we would like to ask you for suggestions for two of these awards:

**1. Young Investigator** (German-based) (The candidate should be within 8 years after the doctorate degree and in her/his first faculty/independent position (non-tenured); GSCN membership is not required)

**2. Female Scientist** (based in Germany) (no limitations on the level; GSCN membership is not required)

Please place your suggestions for:

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

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

All awardees will give a presentation in the presidential session at the GSCN conference on 10 September 2015 in Frankfurt/Main. **The GSCN would welcome your suggestion by 31 March 2015.** The third award “Best publication of the Year” will be selected in July 2015 based on the publications from June 2014 - June 2015 (the first author will be presenting). The awardees will be selected by the GSCN conference 2015 program committee and the executive board.

**GSCN-Events at the ISSCR 2015 Meeting in Stockholm**

We want to invite all GSCN members to a **GSCN Get-together** on **Wednesday, 24 June**, starting 20:30 on the rooftop of the Clarion Hotel Sign. We would like to spend together a light Swedish summer night with food and drinks in a relaxed atmosphere. GSCN members will soon receive an RSVP mail from the Central Office.

The **GSCN Meet Up Hub** takes place on **Thursday 25 June from 15:10-16:00** at the ISSCR Meeting, please save the date. We'll keep you updated on the location.

**GSCN supports Moratorium on genetic engineering of the human germ line**

Following recent developments in the field, the GSCN put a statement concerning the genetic modification of the human germline on its website. Please download the complete statement [here](#).

**Annual Magazine of the GSCN 2014/2015**

You will receive the annual magazine coming week and we hope that you'll enjoy the magazine about stem cell research technologies in Germany and about our conferences and network activities.