

**Subject:** FW: Conference invitation: joint Australasian Gene and Cell Therapy Society and Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research Meeting, Sydney, 24-26 May 2017

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## CONFERENCE INVITATION

Joint 10<sup>th</sup> AGCTS and ASSCR Scientific Meeting

Theme - Accelerating Personalised Medicine: Stem Cells, Gene and Cell Therapy

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Aerial Function Centre, University of Technology Sydney, NSW

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to attend the Joint 10<sup>th</sup> Australasian Gene and Cell Therapy (AGCTS) and Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research (ASSCR) Scientific Meeting in Sydney NSW. This conference brings together local, national and international experts, state government medical health and policy leaders, students and early career researchers in basic science, clinical research and clinical practice. Our members who share common interests in developing new stem cell, gene and cell therapies for the treatment of human disease and successfully translating their research into the clinic will be featured. With an exciting line up of world-class speakers, delegates from across Australasia with diverse scientific backgrounds who utilise stem cells and cell and gene therapy for a wide variety of applications, it's bound to be both an inspiring and engaging meeting.

Please feel free to distribute this invitation and attached meeting flyer to your colleagues.

***We are also excited to inform you that we have updated the AGCTS website with portals for conference registration, abstract submission and membership renewal.***

***Please visit [www.agcts.org.au](http://www.agcts.org.au) and note the deadlines below:***

### KEY DATES

- Oral Abstract/Travel Award submissions: close **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**
- Early Bird Registration: closes **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**
- Poster abstract submission: closes Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Accommodation **UTSMAY2017** rate: closes Thursday 20 April 2017
- Conference dates: 8am Wednesday 24 May – 5.30pm Friday 26 May 2017

### CONFIRMED INVITED SPEAKERS

**Plenary: Clinical translation of cell and gene therapy**

**Professor Amit Nathwani**

*Royal Free Hospital, University College London, UK*

Suggested topic: Advances in AAV gene therapy to treat haemophilia B

Bio: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/immunity-transplantation/about/people/amit-nathwani>

**Plenary: Disease modelling and drug screening**

**Dr Christine Chio**

*Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, USA*

Suggested topic: Developing effective therapies using organoids of pancreatic ductal cancer

Bio: <http://tuvesonlab.labsites.cshl.edu/christine/>

**Plenary: Regenerative Medicine and Bioengineering**

**Dr Kimberly Homan**

*Wyss Institute, Harvard, USA*

Suggested topic: Can 3D printing be used to create organs?

Bio: <http://lewisgroup.seas.harvard.edu/node/39433>

### **AGCTS focused session - Vector development**

**A/Professor Luk Vandenberghe**

*Schepens Eye Research Institute* and *Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary* (both affiliates of *Harvard Medical School*)

Title: Unlocking therapeutic gene transfer for broad application: progress and challenges

Web: <http://www.vdb-lab.org/>

More speakers will be added soon.

### **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

#### **Plenary Session Themes**

- Advances in cancer therapy / Immunotherapy (CAR-T)
- Gene editing: Toward therapeutic application
- Clinical translation of cell and gene therapy
- Regenerative medicine and bioengineering
- Disease modelling and drug screening

#### **Concurrent Scientific Sessions**

##### **ASSCR focused sessions**

- Systems biology of stem cells
- Haematopoietic stem cell differentiation and mobilisation
- Developmental biology and regenerative medicine

##### **AGCTS focused sessions**

- Vector development
- RNA based therapies
- Treating chronic disease (cancer, diabetes, neurological disease)
- Treating genetic disease

##### **Joint Scientific Sessions**

- Host responses to cell and gene therapy
- Accelerating research translation in Australia
- Ethics and legal implications in the use of stem cells, gene and cell therapy

We look forward to welcoming you to Sydney Australia.

Warm regards,

Joint AGCTS & ASSCR Conference Organising Committee



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