

## Stamceller in Translation

It's June again! For us this time of year means a launch anniversary (8 years and counting...), a special issue and, of course, a trip to the ISSCR Annual Meeting. Here are some updates about these highlights and more.

### Special Issue on Aging

This year, we have chosen to focus our special review issue, spearheaded by Sheila Chari, on stem cells and aging. We are delighted to bring you two Reviews, a Perspective, three Forum articles, and a Voices piece, all from leading scientists in the field and covering a broad range of topics under the overall umbrella of aging. So, whether your interest lies with epigenetics, reprogramming/disease modeling, cancer, regeneration, sex-specific differences, the germline, or other forward-looking topics, we hope you find something you enjoy. This special feature is freely available online this month as individual articles or compiled into a digital edition that you can access from our website. Hopefully you also noticed the special related cover, designed and drawn by one of our in-house illustrators, Yvonne Blanco. Last year's special issue on epigenetics is now of course also 12 months old, so it is moving into our open archive and will be free to access from now on.

### ISSCR 2015

As always, we look forward to seeing many of you at the ISSCR Annual Meeting, this time in Stockholm, Sweden. Christina Lilliehook and I will both be attending, so you can expect to see us at the sessions and other events. I personally am excited about participating in both the "Meet the Experts" lunch and the Junior Investigators' panel session. Cell Press will have a booth (number B06:10) where you will be able to find copies of this issue of *Cell Stem Cell* and several other Cell Press journals, and we will hold "Meet the Editors" sessions there as well. Look out in particular for information about a special interactive session hosted by Christina on the review process and how editors assimilate occasionally diverse reviewer comments to make a decision.

This year's meeting has something of a focus on clinical translation and includes a popular pre-meeting workshop on this topic. In honor of that, we are delighted to have partnered with ThermoFisher to bring you a special compilation of our Clinical Progress articles, which you will be able to pick up at our booth as well. In your registration bag, you'll find a copy of this year's installment of our "Best Of" series, featuring some of the most downloaded articles of 2014. At our booth, you'll also have a chance to pick up a Cell Press stem cell pin, and if you wear it around the meeting, you could win an iPad Mini. We're planning some special Swedish-themed social media activities as well, heavily influenced by our resident Swedish editor Christina Lilliehook, so watch out on Twitter, Facebook, and Google+ for more information about those closer to the time of the meeting.

### Journal Updates

As you hopefully read in the *Cell* editorial from last year (Marcus, 2014), Cell Press is a signatory on and supports the NIH Guidelines for Reporting of Preclinical Research (more information: <http://1.usa.gov/1FhsTtM>). One of the steps we and our

fellow in-house journals have taken to support these guidelines is to introduce a figure screening system for all accepted papers prior to publication to check for data presentation issues, as outlined in one of my blog posts (<http://bit.ly/1J2Z8Tl>). A related post from Karen Carniol, a Deputy Editor at *Cell*, highlights some common pitfalls in figure preparation that are easy to avoid (<http://bit.ly/1EywOM6>). The blog itself is also a new foray for Cell Press, and we're all enjoying using it to give a peek behind the scenes and to discuss important issues such as career development for young scientists. So, I'd encourage you to check it out and have a look around the different sections (see <http://www.cell.com/crosstalk>).

Along with the other in-house primary journals, we have also recently introduced the option for authors to use the new CRediT taxonomy in the author contributions section of papers (Brand et al., 2015). The goal of this approach is clarity and transparency about author contributions, which we of course support. We look forward to feedback from you and the broader community about how well it achieves this aim. We are encouraging all of our authors to use this taxonomy, and you can expect to see the first *Cell Stem Cell* articles with author contributions sections organized this way appearing soon.

### Forthcoming Events

When this journal issue goes live, there will still be time (just!) to register for our free 2015 LabLinks 1-day meeting on Stem Cells In Cancer, Monday, June 8 at the NYU Langone Medical Center. Our scientific editor Jonathan Saxe is co-organizing this meeting with Helena Yang from *Cancer Cell*, Iannis Aifantis from NYU/HHMI, and Ross Levine from MSKCC. It should be a very interesting day, so if you're in New York on Monday, I hope you'll be able to go. You can register for this event at <http://www.cell.com/lablinks>, and that same site will also give you more information about the ongoing Cell Press LabLinks series.

Later in the year, Christina Lilliehook will co-organize a Cell Symposia series meeting on Stem Cell Epigenetics, September 20–22 in Sitges, Spain. Christina's organizing partners for this meeting are Miao-Chih Tsai from *Molecular Cell* and Luciano Di Croce from the CRG in Barcelona. They've assembled a great lineup of speakers and it should be an exciting meeting, so I'd encourage you to check it out (<http://bit.ly/1LNUE1w>). The formal abstract deadline just passed, but there's still plenty of time to register and squeeze in a late-breaking abstract.

### In Closing...

Some Swedish: Må stamcell-kraften vara med dig.

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