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March 18, 2011

Dear California Patient Advocate,

As you may know, the ICOC, the Governing Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, has asked our staff, once again, to implement a program providing funding for up to 40 California-based Patient Advocates to attend the ISSCR Annual Meeting. We began this program on a smaller scale last year, when ISSCR's annual meeting was in San Francisco, and the Board plans to provide support for California based Patient Advocates to attend the meeting in Toronto.

There is a total of up to \$2,000 available for each of the 40 Patient Advocates who attend the 9th ISSCR Annual Meeting in Toronto this June as part of this CIRM program. This total includes funds for registration fees and travel expenses. Registration for participants in this program is set at \$370, via our special arrangement with ISSCR, and includes a one-year Associate Membership to ISSCR for Patient Advocates, as per our agreement with ISSCR. Each CIRM stipend awardee will therefore have access to up to \$1630 from CIRM to defray travel expenses for this trip, including hotel, airfare, needed ground transport and meals.

Please note we will place some applications in a priority pool, from those individuals who let us know in their application that they require less than the total allotment for travel expenses so we can potentially fund more than 40 total Patient Advocate attendees. This is not a requirement, but your ability to cover your travel expenses with less than the total of \$1130 will place you in a priority pool of applicants for this program.



We are committed to processing applications for the CIRM stipend program and letting you know in advance of April 19th whether or not we can fund your attendance of the ISSCR meeting this year, so that you have time to register by the Early Bird deadline if you choose.

Please follow these instructions to submit your application for CIRM funding for attendance of and travel to ISSCR's Annual Meeting in Toronto:

- 1) Fill out the attached registration form and RETURN TO MELISSA KING AT CIRM. Do not send this form to ISSCR. It will not be processed there and your request for CIRM funds will not move forward unless your full application including this form is received by CIRM.
- 2) With your form, include 100-150 word written answers to BOTH the following two questions:
 - a. How will your attendance at the ISSCR 9th Annual Meeting help you contribute as a Patient Advocate in support of stem cell research? (100-150 words)
 - b. What do you intend to do within and outside of your organization with regard to support and advocacy for stem cell research? (100-150 words)
- 3) Send in all materials via the following two methods:
 - a. VIA MAIL OR FEDEX TO:
Melissa King
Executive Director, ICOC
CIRM
210 King Street, Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94107
 - b. VIA EMAIL TO: mking@cirm.ca.gov

DEADLINE: All materials must be received by no later than 5:00 PM on THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, 2011.



If you have any questions, please email them to Melissa King at mking@circm.ca.gov.

Thank you and good luck!

Best Regards,

Melissa King
CIRM

Instructions

- Print or type
- Complete one form for each registrant

Given Name/First Name _____ M.I. _____ Surname/Family Name/Last Name _____

Degree(s) _____

Job Title _____

Institution/Affiliation _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Work Telephone _____ Work Fax _____

E-mail _____

CC E-mail – Please copy my registration confirmation to this e-mail address.

- New Contact Information – Check here if you would like us to update your member profile with the contact information you listed above.

Emergency contact during meeting (Name, Telephone) _____

Which option below best describes your field of work?

- Academic Government Industry Non Profit Health Provider Research Institute
 Other _____

What is your purchasing role: Final Approval Recommend No Purchasing Role

- Check here if you do **not** want to be included on the Pre-Registration List.

ISSCR Annual Meeting CIRM Grant Program Registration

- Early Career Scientist Grants – Grant # _____
Supervisor Approval _____
- Bridges to Stem Cell Research Grants – Grant # _____
Supervisor Approval _____
- Patient Advocate

PLEASE ANSWER: I would prefer to receive my Poster Abstract Book on site as a:

- Flash Stick (digital)* Printed Books (hard copy) **SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY**

* Flash sticks allow you to digitally search, sort and plan your poster viewing.

Registration must be received at CIRM Offices by Monday, April 4.



Return this form to:

CIRM
Attn: Melissa King
210 King Street
San Francisco, CA 94107



Fax: (415) 396-9141

Telephone registrations cannot be accepted.

Americans With Disabilities Act

The ISSCR complies with the legal requirements of the ADA and the rules and regulations thereof. Please use this registration form to notify ISSCR of any special needs.



Photography Acknowledgement

By registering for this meeting, you acknowledge that your photograph may be taken at the event for purposes of documenting the meeting and that it may be used in informational articles or future promotions for this organization's activities.

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All fees are U.S. dollars (USD).
Payment must be made in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank.

Questions?

Contact Christine Meehan at
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