



# StemNet

FEDERATION OF STEM CELL ASSOCIATIONS



## FIRST INTERNATIONAL STEMNET MEETING Padua, September 22 - 24, 2021

MUSME, the Museum of History of Medicine in Padua



*Wednesday, September 22, 2021***13:00 REGISTRATION****14:00 OPENING CEREMONY****SESSION 1: ADVANCES AND PITFALLS OF CELL THERAPY AT BEDSIDE: WAS THE PROMISE FULFILLED?**

CHAIR: Antonella Viola (Padua), Massimo Dominici (Modena)

**14.30 - 16.00****14.30-15.30****Genetically-engineered somatic cells to cure genetic disorders and cancer: a critical assessment**

Franco Locatelli (Rome)

**15.30-16.00****From cell therapy to genes: regenerating the field of cardiac regeneration**

Mauro Giacca (London, UK)

**SESSION 2: LE ASPETTATIVE DEL PAZIENTE TRA BIOETICA, REGOLAMENTAZIONE E COMUNICAZIONE**

CHAIR: Augusto Pessina (Milan), Maurizio Muraca (Padua)

**16.00 - 17.00****16.00-16.20****Turismo medico, cliniche offshore e cure compassionevoli: il punto di vista degli enti regolatori**

Daniela Melchiorri (Rome)

**16.20-16.40****La bioetica tra vecchie e nuove sfide**

Renzo Pegoraro (Rome)

**16.40-17.00****Comunicare la scienza**

Giovanni Carrada (Roma)

**17.00-17.20 COFFEE BREAK****17.20-18.30****Dibattito – Tavola Rotonda**

Franco Locatelli, Mauro Giacca, Renzo Pegoraro, Giovanni Carrada, Daniela Melchiorri, Anna Sandri.

**18.30-19.30 WELCOME COCKTAIL***Thursday, September 23, 2021***SESSION 3: BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH ON FOETAL AND ADULT STEM CELLS**

CHAIR: Michela Pozzobon (Padua), Ornella Parolini (Rome)

**09.00 - 10.45****09.00-09.25****Modelling Amniotic Membrane healing effect on chronic and diabetic foot ulcers into an in vitro cell system to unravel the molecular mechanisms behind its therapeutic effect**

Francisco J. Nicolás (Murcia, Spain)

**09.25-09.50****Mesenchymal Stromal Cells in Crohn's disease**

Rachele Ciccocioppo (Verona)

09.50-10.15

**Where gene therapy meets cell therapy**

Alessandra Biffi (Padua)

10.15-10.30

**Selected communication**

10.30-10.45

**Selected communication**

**10.45-11.15 TECHNOLOGICAL SESSION**

10.45-10.55

**Empowering GMP-compliant stem cell manufacturing in a closed and automated system**

Cinzia Brandoli (Miltenyi Biotec, Bologna)

10.55-11.05

**CytoSMART: simple and compact systems to monitor your cells without accessing the lab**

Giulia Anselmi (Alfatest, Cinisello Balsamo)

11.05-11.15

**Bioinks and bioprinting technologies to tailor cell microenvironment**

Pierre-Alexandre Laurent (Cellink, Gothenburg, Sweden)

11.15- 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION 4: MESENCHYMAL STROMAL CELLS AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM**

CHAIR: Zoltan Vereb (Szeged, Hungary), Umberto Galderisi (Naples)

11.30 - 13.00

11.30- 11.55

**DNA damage response of neural stem and progenitor cells and neurodevelopmental pathologies**

François Boussin (Paris-Saclay, France)

11.55-12.20

**Challenge to medical innovation by non-tumorigenic endogenous reparative Muse cells**

Mari Dezawa (Sendai, Japan)

12.20-12.35

**Selected communication**

12.35-12.50

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12.50-13.05

**Selected communication**

**13.10-14.00 LUNCH TECHNOLOGICAL SESSION**

13.10-13.20

**New technologies for aseptic production allow a faster and reliable access to in house ATMP manufacturing**

Marco Fadda (Comecer, Castelbolognese RA)

13.20-13.30

**Standardized Single Particle Measurement of Number, Size and Charge is required for Confidence in Nanomedicine Engineering and Development**

Marianne Marchioni (Izon Science LTD, France)

13.30-13.40

**Cytoflex New Generation Flow Cytometry Analysis of Circulating Microvesicles and Exosomes**

Claudia Maria Radu (Padua)

13.40-13.50

**Selector the “cell chromatograph” to separate, characterize and collect living stem cells**

Silvia Zia (Stem Sel srl, Bologna)

**13.50-15.00 POSTER SESSION**

**SESSION 5: CANCER STEM CELLS AND TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT**

CHAIR: Krisztina Buzas (Szeged, Hungary), Enrico Lucarelli (Bologna)

15.00 - 16.30

15.00-15.25

**Cancer stem cells**

Stefano Piccolo (Padua)

15.25-15.50

**An antitumor cellular viroimmunotherapy using mesenchymal progenitor cells**

Javier-Garcia Castro (Madrid, Spagna)

15.50-16.05

**Selected communication**

16.05-16.20

**Selected communication**

16.20-16.35

**Selected communication**

16.35-17.00 COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION 6: CELL FREE THERAPY**

CHAIR: Barbara Lukomska (Warsaw, Poland), Maria Luisa Torre (Pavia)

17.00 - 18.30

17.00-17.25

**First clinical experiences with MSC derived extracellular vesicles**

Eva Rohde (Salzburg, Austria)

17.25-17.50

**MSC-derived extracellular vesicles: perspectives in oncology and regenerative medicine**

Benedetta Bussolati (Turin)

17.50-18.15

**Functional heterogeneity of cellular and extracellular vesicle-based therapeutics: implications for the development of potency assays**

Bernd Giebel (Essen, Germany)

18.15-18.30

**Selected communication**

18.30-20.00 SOCIETY ASSEMBLY

*Friday, September 24, 2021***SESSION 7: ORGANOIDS**

CHAIR: Lorenza Lazzari (Milan), Roberta Piva (Ferrara)

09.00 - 11.00

09.00-09.25

**Organoids culture systems: unique tools for studying biological processes and creating the medicine of the future**

Salvatore Simmini (Cambridge, UK)

09.25-09.50

**Extracellular matrix hydrogel derived from decellularized tissues enables endoderm organoid culture**

Nicola Elvassore (Padua)

09.50-10.15

**Organoids in cancer research**

Giulia Della Chiara (Milan)

10.15-10.30

**Selected communication**

10.30-10.45

**Selected communication**

10.45-11.00

**Selected communication**

11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION 8: OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG RESEARCHER**

CHAIR: Francesco Alviano (Bologna), Assunta Pandolfi (Chieti)

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11.30 - 12.30

11.30-11.45

**Opportunities in 2021-2022 for short-term fellowships in Europe**

Filippo Piccinini (Meldola)

11.45-12.30 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS

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## MAIN TOPICS:

- New insights on biology of mesenchymal stromal/progenitor cells (MSCs); Clinical targets of stromal/progenitor cells: from in vitro studies to therapy; Basic and applied research on adult stem cells;
- Cancer stem cells and stem cells for cancer: from basic research to therapy; Beyond stem cells: therapeutic use of extracellular vesicles;
- Perinatal tissue derived bioactive agents: from mechanism of action to therapeutic approaches;
- Gene therapy: alternative or complementary approach to cell therapy? Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells, (iPSC): basic and applied research.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACT

By submitting an abstract of your research you accept to share your work either as a speech or as a poster to be presented or displayed during the congress.

The Scientific Committee will designate the format (oral or poster). The final acceptance decision is the exclusive right of the Scientific Committee.

The Abstracts will be evaluated and scored by a panel of Referees (selected by the Scientific Committee) according to their novelty and significance for the Young Investigator Awards.

Abstract submission is open! Don't miss the chance to share your research studies.

**DEADLINE: JULY 3, 2021**

## INSTRUCTIONS

Abstracts must adequately describe the objectives and results. Originality, study quality and completeness of the work will be evaluated. All information and news about the status of the abstract will only be sent to the e-mail address **stemnet@ziptravelgroup.com**. Please check for the accuracy of the e-mail address inserted.

- Language: English.
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 points font size, single spaced, justified text.
- Characters Limit: The abstract must not exceed 2500 characters, including spaces. (this must be applied to the main body of the abstract only. Abstract, title and authors are excluded). References should not be included in the abstract. Use of standard abbreviations is desirable.
- Author/s names and surnames (Regular style): E.g.: Mario Rossi, Carla Bianchi, ... Affiliation (Regular style): E.g. University of....., Laboratory of .....
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  1. OBJECTIVE: indicate primary purpose of study.
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  3. RESULTS: summary of the main findings.
  4. CONCLUSIONS: study's conclusion and/or implication of the results.
    - Abbreviations in the title will not be accepted. If used throughout the text, abbreviations must be indicated in their extended version the first time they are used. Please do not include images, tables or attachments.
    - File saving: save the abstract in a Word format with the following name: first name surname of the first author (e.g. mario\_rossi.doc).

## YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

StemNet will assign three "Young Investigator Awards" of 500 Eur each. In order to be eligible to win, the first author of a paper must be younger of 35 on September the 15th 2021. The awards will be delivered to the winner during the Award Ceremony. As collection on behalf of the designated winner is not allowed, the unavailability to personally collect the award will cause disqualification from the competition. To take part in the contest, please add the Young Investigator Award acronym within brackets (YIA) before the first word of your abstract title.

## REGISTRATION FEES

	UP TO AUGUST 30th 2021	FROM AUGUST 31st 2021
<b>DELEGATES (non members)</b>	€ 220,00	€ 270,00
<b>GISM, FIRST, IPLASS, SCR, and AICC members</b>	€ 170,00	€ 220,00
<b>STUDENTS/NURSES</b>	€ 120,00	€ 150,00
<b>ONLY ONE DAY</b>	€ 120,00	€ 120,00

## CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

In order to obtain reimbursement of delegate registration, all cancellations for the FIRST INTERNATIONAL STEMNET MEETING must be submitted in writing to the Congress Secretariat via email to: [stemnet@ziptravelgroup.com](mailto:stemnet@ziptravelgroup.com)

- Cancellations received in writing between by August 6, 2021 will be refunded, less of € 80,00 administrative fee.
- Cancellations received in writing on August 7, 2021 or later, will not be refunded, other than exceptional circumstances to be reviewed and agreed by the organizing committee.

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