



# EuroSTELLS A EUROCORES PROGRAMME

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## First EuroSTELLS Conference

# General biology of stem cell systems

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**EuroSTELLS is a European Science Foundation Collaborative Research (EUROCORES) Programme in the stem cell field that brings together 21 research groups from 11 European countries.**

- **Pan-European Collaborative Research:**  
The EuroSTELLS Programme aims at generating fundamental knowledge on stem cell biology, setting up the bases for comparative analyses of stem cells of different origins and their clinical application in the future. The ability to isolate, culture and manipulate stem cells ex vivo is a critical step towards elucidating their biological properties and developing their biotechnological and therapeutic potential.
- **Networking activities** to foster innovative and multidisciplinary collaborations as well as synergy with other National and European stem cell initiatives, contributing to create a critical mass of expertise in the stem cell field in Europe.
- **Training activities** to increase quality assurance and allow harmonization of research tools, definitions and protocols in stem cell biology.
- **Dissemination** to bring together scientists, specialized clinicians, ethicists and legal experts, policy makers, communicators and the general public to discuss developments in the stem cell field and their impact on quality of life and public health.

This conference will feature the latest developments in the following areas:

- Embryonic Stem Cells and Germ line;
- Epigenetics and Cell Reprogramming;
- Neural Stem Cells;
- Somatic Stem Cells.

The goal of this conference is to establish a stable European forum of stem cell researchers by fostering synergy with other European and international initiatives in the stem cell field. To this end, keynote speakers include representatives of the EuroStemCell consortium, the International Stem Cell Initiative, the NIH initiative and the Director of the UK Stem Cell Bank as well as the Project Leaders of the pan-European Collaborative Research Projects funded under the EuroSTELLS Programme.

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