

President's Report
ICOC Meeting
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Appointments

- Alexandra Campe, Personnel Officer
 - Human Resources, UCSF

Other recruitments deferred for budgetary reasons



“Stem Cell Research in California: Charting New Directions”

- October 1 and 2, San Francisco
- Six sessions, seventeen speakers
- Extremely successful and well-received
- Webcast archived and available
- Concluding recommendations on CIRM website
- Summary of the meeting should be available in January
- Final cost of the meeting: <\$140,000



New CIRM Headquarters

- Opening of new offices, 210 King Street s
- Ribbon-cutting November 1
- Open house, November 2
- Moving date, November 11



Status of Training Grants

- Budgets now approved: total \$12.1 M, first year; \$38 M for three years
- Interim Regulations: Medical and Ethical Standards
- Interim Grants Administration Policy for Training Grants



Strategic Scientific Plan

- Major Challenge for next six months
- CIRM President to lead planning
- Appointment of ICOC Sub-Committee
- First step: Information Gathering
 - Scientific Meeting
 - Additional small scientific and other meetings;
 - Individual interviews with ICOC members and biomedical leaders
- Necessary Resources:
 - Scientific Staff
 - Consultant



Proposed Short-Term Plan

- Innovation Grants
 - RFA after \$50 M funding or greater
 - Pilot projects; new ideas; attract scientists who wish to enter field
- Shared Space Grants
 - RFA after \$100 M funding
 - “safe haven” for work outside of Federal guidelines



Assessment of Medical Risk for Oocyte Donors for Research

- Scientific Meeting
 - what are the facts?
 - what further studies are desirable?
 - what procedures can reduce risk?
- Consensus conference
- Early Spring
- National importance

