

President's Report  
ICOC Meeting  
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President



# Personnel

- Kumar Hari, Ph.D., Scientific Officer
- Ruth Globus, Ph.D., Scientific Officer
- Meybel Cortez, Grants Technical Assistant



# Current Recruitments

- Scientific Review Officer
- Grants Technical Assistant
- Senior Officer for Facilities
- Chief Legal Officer



# Personnel Departures

- Kate Shreve
- Mary Maxon



# UK/California Stem Cell Meeting

- Jointly sponsored MRC, BBSRC, CIRM
- November 6-7 in Broadway, Cotswalds
- Sir John Gurdon, keynote speaker
- Mixture of early career and established investigators was very successful
- Subsequent visits to Sheffield and to University College, London



# Grants Review Working Group

- November 28-30 in San Francisco
- Reviewed and evaluated 232 applications
- Fifteen scientists, seven patient advocates of the WG, plus 32 specialists under leadership of Dr. Stuart Orkin and Joan Samuelson
- Kudos for the quality of the science and the process
- Next:
  - Reviews will be prepared and returned to the applicants
  - Scientific scores, reviews and recommendations from the WG meeting will be brought to the February ICOC meeting for approval



# Comprehensive Grants

- Seventy applications received
- Will be evaluated at the Grants WG meeting on January 8-10
- Results brought to the March ICOC meeting for approval



# Shared Research Laboratory Facilities RFA

- Expect RFA to be issued in early January
- Reviews by Grants WG and Facilities WG, March/April, 2007
- Approval at June ICOC meeting



# Legislative Performance Audit

- Very strenuous and exhaustive audit
- Enormous demand for documentation
- Report available in February
- We identified changes that could improve our policies and procedures
- Some of these are being immediately implemented



# First California Regulations for CIRM

## Completed process:

- Conflict of Interest Regulations for Working Groups
- Medical and Ethical Standards

## Final Stages:

- Grants Administration Policy
- IP Policy for Non-Profit Institutions



# Web-Based Journal for Stem Cell Research

- Desirable to have a high quality, open-access, web-based journal for stem cell research
- Previous discussions with Public Library of Science
- Current discussions with BioMed Central



# Proposal Under Discussion

- International open access journal to publish original research in stem cell biology and regenerative medicine; also commentary, interpretation and analysis; and possibly a database of all stem cell articles.
- Journal would be California based
- Publication costs for research articles paid by authors or sponsoring agencies.
- CIRM would contract for interpretative material and possibly for hard copies at the beginning.
- Entire contents freely available on the web world-wide

