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Dear Jorge,

I write to you today to send to you the preliminary program of the *Tenth International Symposium on Stem Cell Therapy and Cardiovascular Innovation* to be held in Madrid next 6th and 7th June 2013.

As you will see in the preliminary program attached, we would be most than grateful if you accept to participate in the “*What’s new in stem cell therapy for cardiac repair? - II*” session with a 15 minute talk on “*Stem cell delivery. Advantages of the retrograde approach*” during the afternoon of Thursday the 6th June 2013.

Over the nine previous editions, this symposium brought together researchers and biomedical companies worldwide and has become the world’s premier meeting for review and update stem cell therapy and other biotechnological innovations in the cardiovascular field.

In this edition, we would like to start making a review of the progress of cardiovascular stem cell-based therapies over the past ten years. Then, the 2012 Nobel Price winners Shinya Yamanaka and John B. Gurdon will address the concepts of pluripotent cell induction and therapeutic cloning. After the opening session, the traditional session on “*What’s new in stem cell therapy for cardiac repair*” will be held to update and discuss the hottest topics in the field. Then, we will have a poster session, where the best previously online-submitted abstracts will be selected for presentation and we will conclude the first day with a session on *Late Breaking Clinical Trials* where main clinical trials on stem cell therapy will be presented. As satellite activities for this first day we have planned a series of simultaneous *Educational Workshops* interactional and very practical forum to



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exchange knowledge and novelties among international experts in different topics, including tissue engineering, cell selection and processing and clinical trials design.

Friday will start with the presentation of the winners of the two best posters. After that it is time for young investigators to present their recent research and publications in cardiovascular stem cell therapy. We will go on with the “Hot Topics of the Year” sessions, where the main advances in noncardiovascular and cardiovascular topics of the year will be dealt with. Finally, the closing session will address structural clues for cardiac repair and current state and future challenges of cardiovascular cell therapy, with the participation of Renu Virmani, Gregg Stone and Valentin Fuster.

In addition to the scientific agenda, we have prepared a nice social program, which will start with the traditional Faculty Dinner at the Hotel Wellington, where faculty invited will be accommodated on Wednesday the 5th of June as an informal occasion to meet friends once again.

We sincerely think that this overall picture can effectively contribute to scientific exchange and dissemination of knowledge in this field, consequently deserving the highest visibility and attractive at the international level. Your help in this regard can be crucial for us because of the importance of your ideas and your prestige and influence all around the world.

Logically, the organization of the meeting will take care of your travel and accommodation expenses. In addition, though we know your participation has no price, a honorarium for your participation will be provided.

I hope you can accept our proposal and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. .

Thank you very much in advance. Yours sincerely

Francisco Fernandez-Aviles

(On behalf of the Board of Directors and Scientific Advisory Board)

Dear Dr. JORGE TUMA MUBARAK,

I'm writing to follow-up my last invitation as below, would you please give me a tentative reply? Thank you very much. I apologize for the inconvenience if the letter disturbed you more than once.

It is our great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to join the 7th World Gene Convention-2016, which will take place in Shanghai, China during November 3-5, 2016.

We would like to welcome you to be the chair/speaker in **Session 4-5: Stem Cell and Regeneration Medicine** while presenting about **Stem Cell and Regeneration Medicine....** If the suggested thematic session is not your current focused core, you may look through the whole sessions and transfer another one that fit your interest (more info about the program is available at <http://www.bitcongress.com/wgc2016/ScientificProgramme.asp>).

Under our SAB members' contributions and endeavor, BIT's 6th Annual World Gene Convention-2015 (WGC-2015), successfully held in Qingdao, China during November 13-15, 2015. Totally, there were nearly 300 world-renowned experts, professors, laboratory principals, project leaders and representatives of well-known enterprises attended the WGC-2015. Participants from the international enterprises, academic and research institutions enjoyed the three days scientific program. Depending on the warmly support and good suggestions from all of the participants, we are confident in organizing WGC-2016 which would be better and more successful than WGC-2015.

WGC-2016 features a very strong technical program, mainly focused on: breakthroughs in DNA and RNA research, advances of genomics & genetics, the frontier research of life sciences, biotherapeutics discovery technology, biocatalysis and bioprocessing, robust technology development and application of gene technology in agriculture and food field. It aims to provide a platform for all experts from academia, industry and national labs to discuss latest hot researches and achievements. Attendees will hear world-class speakers discussing the challenges and opportunities facing the gene field. The business & academic experts who are from home and abroad will give excellent keynote speeches.

In addition to the dynamic scientific program, you will benefit from the wonderful experience in Shanghai, China. Shanghai has numerous name tags attached to it, like "Paris of the Orient" and "Pearl of China", It is not only the largest city in China, but also a famous tourist city. The city is an emerging tourist destination renowned for its historical landmarks such as the Bund and Xintiandi, its modern and ever-expanding Pudong skyline including the Oriental Pearl Tower, and its new reputation as a center of culture and design. Today, Shanghai is mainland China's center for commerce and finance, and has been described as the "showpiece" of the world's fastest-growing economy. We hope you will enjoy your stay in this beautiful city with all its history, beauty, architecture and hospitality!

We expect your precious comments or suggestions; also your reference to other speakers will be highly appreciated. We look forward to receiving your replies on the following questions:

1. What is the title of your speech?
2. Do you have any suggestions about our program?

For more information, please visit the conference website at <http://www.bitcongress.com/wgc2016/default.asp>

We look forward to see you in Shanghai in 2016 for this influential event.

Sincerely yours,
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Dear Jorge Tuma,
Discoveries in basic vascular biology research are being successfully translated in clinical applications, but among the important challenges that remain are improvement of various vascular diseases treatments. Atherosclerosis causes most heart attacks, strokes and limb amputations. It is now the top 1 cause of death throughout the world.
The recent research about **Retrograde Techniques...** of your team are very encouraging, I am writing to welcome you to make a presentation in the **Forum 6-7: Vascular Biology and Atherosclerosis** at the 6th Annual World Congress of Molecular & Cell Biology (CMCB-2016), which will be held during World DNA Day on April 25-28, 2016, Dalian, China. It can be a big shot for the vascular biology and atherosclerosis research to address the advances in the past years, major issues, barriers, and future directions to help your international colleagues to accelerate the development of this research field. We believe this forum can provide your team with best promotion channels in this rapidly developing field.
For more information about CMCB-2016, we will keep you posted on the website at: <http://www.bitcongress.com/cmcb2016/>.

Your sincerely,
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