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## **Bernard Siegel to Address the International Stem Cell Meeting at the 8<sup>th</sup> Israel Life Science Industry (ILSI) BioMed Conference**

WASHINGTON--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) announced today that Bernard Siegel, founder and executive director of GPI, will provide a policy address titled "Creating a Positive Policy, Regulatory and Societal Framework to Advance Stem Cell Research" at the plenary session of the International Stem Cell Meeting in conjunction with ILSI-BioMed 2009. The presentation will take place on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 12:30-1:00 pm local time, at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Other speakers at the plenary session include Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel, and Dr. Rudolf Jaenisch, Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, MIT, who is a charter member of the GPI Science Advisory Board.

"Recognizing Israel as a leader in stem cell sciences, the International Stem Cell Meeting showcases the latest innovations and discoveries. GPI is delighted to be included in the program relating to important policy and societal issues," stated Bernard Siegel.

Bernard Siegel, J.D., is the founder and full-time executive director of the nonprofit Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He is the founder and the co-chair of the World Stem Cell Summit series of global conferences and editor-in-chief of the *World Stem Cell Report*. He also serves as the co-chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research.

### About Genetics Policy Institute (GPI)

GPI was formed in 2003 with the mission of promoting and defending stem cell research and its application in medicine to develop therapeutics and cures for many otherwise intractable diseases and disorders. GPI pursues this mission through co-sponsorship and management of its flagship annual World Stem Cell Summit, publication of the *World Stem Cell Report*, special projects, speaking engagements, teaching initiatives, and strategic collaborations.

For more information about GPI, visit our website at [www.genpol.org](http://www.genpol.org). GPI's 2009 World Stem Cell Summit is co-hosted by Johns Hopkins University, the University System of Maryland and the State of Maryland. It will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland (USA) on September 21-23. To learn more, visit [www.worldstemcellsummit.com](http://www.worldstemcellsummit.com).

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