



Governor Jim Doyle of Wisconsin to keynote Stem Cell Policy & Advocacy Summit at Stanford University June 10

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WASHINGTON, May 25 /U.S. Newswire/ -- Governor Jim Doyle of Wisconsin will provide a keynote address at the second annual Genetics Policy Institute "Stem Cell Policy and Advocacy Summit: Empowering the Pro-Cures Coalition" at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. which will take place June 10 to 11.

Bernard Siegel, executive director of GPI said, "Human embryonic stem cell research came about through pathfinding research at the University of Wisconsin -- Madison. GPI is honored to have as our keynote speaker, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, one of America's most knowledgeable elected officials about the promise of regenerative medicine."

GPI also announced the organizations and individuals being recognized at the International Awards Dinner, June 10:

National Leadership Award: Bob Klein, chair of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine.

National Advocacy Award: Hadassah. National President June Walker to accept.

International Advocacy Award: Luca Coscioni Association for Freedom of Scientific Research. Marco Cappato, M.E.P. to accept.

Grassroots Advocacy Award: Student Society for Stem Cell Research. SSSCR President Marion J. Riggs to accept.

Patient Advocacy Award: Don Reed, Alliance for Stem Cell Research.

"As the patient community waits impatiently for our elected officials to act responsibly and lift the restrictions for this potentially lifesaving research, these outstanding organizations and individuals have led the world cause to advance stem cell research. All deserve the heartfelt thanks of those suffering from Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's, spinal cord injury and a host of other afflictions for which no cure is known," said Siegel.

The gathering will feature presentations by Nobel Laureate Paul Berg, Evan Snyder of the Burnham Institute and James Reston, Jr. (acclaimed author of "Galileo" and "Fragile Innocence"). Also presenting will be representatives from the Christopher Reeve Foundation, Parkinson's Action Network, Hadassah and leaders of the grassroots activist community.

Some of the program titles of the summit include: "How stem cell research will change the political landscape of America", "Bioethics and the Law-What Advocates Must Know" and "Stem Cells 101."

The Genetics Policy Institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing stem cell research for the development of cures. For more information and registration details, visit <http://www.pro-cures.com>


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