



Stem Cell Advocates From Around the Globe Gather to Launch the Pro-Cures Coalition, June 9 - 11 at Stanford University

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WASHINGTON, May 1 /U.S. Newswire/ -- The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) will present another landmark event on stem cell research policy, the second annual "Stem Cell Policy and Advocacy Summit: Empowering the Pro-Cures Coalition" on June 9 - 11, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. The gathering will feature presentations by Nobel Laureate Dr. Paul Berg, Bob Klein (chair of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine), Dr. 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.

The event is also sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, the Alliance for Stem Cell Research and the Student Society for Stem Cell Research.

"Where delay is measured in human suffering and death, thoughtful people from around the world are demanding that stem cell research for cures proceed as rapidly as possible," said Bernard Siegel, executive director of the Genetics Policy Institute. "This Summit will gather all the stakeholders to focus on the critical issues relating to stem cell research. The Summit will empower the broad and rapidly expanding 'Pro-Cures Coalition' movement, which will play an absolutely pivotal role in the electoral process in 2006 and 2008. Stem cell research is a key wedge issue and certain elected officials will likely be held accountable for denying patients' hope for cures."

The Genetics Policy Institute's annual Stem Cell Policy and Advocacy Summit is the only nationwide meeting that brings together a diverse gathering of experts and activists from the world of science, law, politics, bioethics, business, public policy and national, state and local activism. The goal of the meeting is to hone the knowledge and skills of the many stakeholders in stem cell research (especially patients), to help overcome political obstacles, and to advance the most promising biomedical research of our time.

The Summit is hosted by the center for Biomedical Ethics at Stanford University and co-chaired by Bernard Siegel, J.D., executive director of the Genetics Policy Institute, and Christopher Thomas Scott, Ph.D., executive director of the Stanford Program in Stem Cells and Society.

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, please visit <http://www.pro-cures.com>.

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