



## FREEDOM OF RESEARCH: PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN TO PROTECT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STEM CELLS.

Photos of the event by Marco Perduca

On October 13, at the Auditorium of the United Nations Library, in New York, the Genetics Policy Institute (GPI), the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR) and the Mission of the Republic of Korea organized a press briefing at the presence of patient advocates to present a letter endorsed by leading patient groups, scientific societies and academic institutions addressed to Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the General Assembly and the UN Legal Committee to urge them to reject a banning on nuclear transfer (NT).

The event was convened a week before a UN debate on a proposed worldwide treaty banning therapeutic cloning sponsored by Costa Rica the United States and Italy and the support of the Holy See. Participants oppose reproductive cloning and support stem cell research. The proposed treaty will ban NT and prohibit scientists from exploring new and important research pathways that might lead to cures for millions of people suffering from debilitating diseases.

The audience of delegates and journalists, was addressed by Daniel Perry, President, Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, Bernard Siegel, Executive Director, Genetics Policy Institute, Marco Cappato, Secretary, Associazione Luca Coscioni, Dr. Woo Suk Hwang, Seoul National University, as well as several patient advocates.

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### The Luca Coscioni Association

The Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR), is a non-partisan non-profit comprised of nationally-recognized patient organizations, universities, scientific societies, foundations, and individuals with life-threatening illnesses and disorders, advocating for the advancement of breakthrough research and technologies in regenerative medicine - including stem cell research and somatic cell

nuclear transfer - in order to cure disease and alleviate suffering. For more information on CAMR, visit the website: [www.camradvocacy.org](http://www.camradvocacy.org)

The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) is the leading international nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a legal framework to advance scientific research for future cures and is a leading defender of stem cell research worldwide. Please visit us online at [www.genpol.org](http://www.genpol.org)







