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Genetics Policy Institute Adds Scientific Advisors

Authoritative voice of scientific reason in stem cell debate

Coral Gables – The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) today announced the addition of seven new scientists to its prominent Science Advisory Board, composed of the leading scientists in the fields of biology, stem cell research, in-vitro fertilization, and regenerative medicine representing scientific institutions in the United States, Australia, United Kingdom and now South Korea.

“In this time of intersecting public policy and medical breakthroughs, the addition of these seven outstanding scientists is a true testament to GPI’s leadership in advancing stem cell research worldwide,” said GPI Executive Director Bernard Siegel. “As an organization we are dedicated to providing a gateway for the public, media and key decision-makers to secure instantaneous, accurate and current scientific information by providing a platform so that leading scientists can dispel the confusion within ongoing stem cell debate in the United Nations, US Congress and capitals abroad,” said Siegel, “This new and diverse group of scientific leaders will strengthen GPI and aid in our mission to bring scientific fact based discourse to the policy making process.”

Newly named GPI’s Scientific Advisors include:

- **Genevieve Ames, Ph.D.** – Dr. Ames is Adjunct Professor at the University of California-Berkeley’s School of Public Health. She is additionally Director and Senior Scientist at the Prevention Research Center.
- **Elizabeth Blackburn, Ph.D.** – Dr. Blackburn is a cell biologist and Professor of Biochemistry and biophysics at the University of California-San Francisco. She has served as President of the American Society of Cell Biology and was a member of the President’s Council on Bioethics.
- **John Gearhart, MSc, Ph.D.** – Dr. Gearhart is the C. Michael Armstrong Professor of Medicine at the Institute of Cell Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. He is also Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Physiology and Comparative Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, as well as Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health. His lab was the first to isolate and characterize human pluripotent stem cells from fetal germ cells.
- **Shin-Yong Moon, M.D.** – Dr. Moon of Seoul National University serves as Director of Assisted Reproductive Technology and Genetics Laboratories. He recently headed the South Korean team that created the first human cloned stem cell line.
- **Roger Pederson, Ph.D.** – Dr. Pederson is Professor of Regenerative Medicine at the University of Cambridge. He is also the Director of the Cambridge Center for Stem Cell Biology and Medicine.
- **Evan Snyder, M.D., Ph.D.** – Dr. Snyder is professor and Program Director of the Stem Cells and Regenerations program of the Burnham Institute.
- **Len Zon, M.D.** – Dr. Zon is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator at Children’s Hospital and a professor of pediatric medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is president of the International Society of Stem Cell Research.

To view the entire listing of GPI’s Science Advisory Board, please visit us online at www.genpol.org

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