

3rd International Congress Biotechnologies for Spinal Surgery

**Amsterdam, Netherlands
September 1st – 4th, 2010**

Dear Scientists and Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 3rd International Congress "Biotechnologies for Spinal Surgery – BIOSPINE 3". The congress will be held September 1st – 4th, 2010 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

By joining the European Network for Regenerative Medicine, the Skeletal Tissue Engineering Group Amsterdam (STEGA) at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam has formed a Dutch country chapter of REGENERATE to intensify the scientific exchange between the clinical partners being active in the field of musculo-skeletal diseases in the Regenerate network. To intensify the scientific joint venture STEGA will organize this congress on behalf of REGENERATE.

Call for Papers (Deadline: March 31st, 2010)

All participants are invited to submit abstracts (online at www.biospine.org) for oral or poster presentations concerning the following topics:

- Embryonic, pluripotent and adult stem cells
- Skeletal applications of polymers
- Spinal cord repair
- Regeneration and degeneration of intervertebral disc
- Smart scaffolds
- Cellular therapies
- Application of growth factors
- Nanoparticles for visualisation
- Minimal invasive surgical procedures
- Risk profile for modern therapies/decision making
- Regulatory issues and ethical problems
- Clinical evaluation of innovative spinal therapies
- Opportunities for conservative therapies
- Prevalidation and balance of therapeutical approaches

Registration Fees

The deadline for early registration fee is May 31st, 2010. There is a special reduced registration fee for members of some societies. Please visit the congress website www.biospine.org for more information.

Important Deadlines

Deadline Abstract Submission: **March 31st, 2010**

Deadline Early Registration: **May 31st, 2010**

Certification

The congress will be accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) and The Royal Dutch Medical Association.

Website

At www.biospine.org you will find all available information concerning congress venue, programme,

abstract submission and registration.

With kind regards,

Organizing Committee of BIOSPINE 3

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