



International Retreat

Terms & Conditions:

Topic: Moral Frontiers in Regenerative Medicine pertaining to the Use of Human Embryonic and Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) Cells

Program start: June 18, 2017 (1 pm)

Program end: June 22, 2017 (6 pm)

Venue: Halle (Saale), Germany – Details on venue tba

Application and funding conditions:

The retreat is limited to 15 participants who will be invited by the organizers following the application and evaluation process as outlined here. Invited speakers and professionals will moderate the program.

Admission is free. The organizer covers travel expenses as well as costs for accommodation according to a defined maximum amount. As public funded research center our institution is bound to the German Travel Expenses Act (BRKG), and in particular to the Thuringian Travel Expenses Act (ThürRKG). Therefore, attendees of the retreat are advised to contact the organizer who will assist with travel arrangements (booking of flights/train tickets and accommodation). Catering will be complimentary during the retreat. Please be advised that the travel costs will be reimbursed after attending the event.

To apply it is necessary to send a scientific abstract (500 words maximum, English) and a short academic biography by e-mail to Susanne.Mueller@uni-jena.de latest **by February 28th, 2017**, (midnight, German time). The scientific abstract has to focus on the topic of the retreat under the view of the scientific discipline of the applicant. The evaluation process will be finished by March 15th, 2017. Applicants will subsequently be informed about the evaluation process to make travel arrangements.

Please be advised that the international retreat will focus on interdisciplinary and applied sciences (i.e. ethical, legal, and social/socio-economic aspects of clinical trials and therapies for human use on basis of human embryonic stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells). The program does not cover basic research topics (e.g. evaluation of the moral status of embryos and/or stem cells; ethics of science without reference to a concrete applied approach).

The initially submitted abstract will be the criterion for the evaluation process and is supposed to be basis for the manuscript which has to be presented to the attendees of the retreat and which will be published consecutively. All cost of the planned publishing will be covered and organized by the organizers.

After the application and evaluation process invited participants need to prepare a worked out manuscript based on the primarily submitted abstract. The final manuscripts (5000 words maximum, English, approx. 30 scientific references; structure of a scientific paper) will be published after the retreat. Please note that the final invitation and coverage of costs is subject to the timely submission of the full manuscript. Applicants who do not send their worked out manuscript in time to the organizers cannot participate in the retreat. However, invited participants will have the opportunity of

revising and/or adding information to their manuscript after the retreat to keep the manuscript up-to-date and to cover the results of the retreat.

The manuscript need to be submitted not later than **June 1st, 2017** (midnight, German time) by e-mail to **Susanne.Mueller@uni-jena.de**.

Invited participants also need to prepare a 15 minute presentation on their theses and results from their manuscript. Each invited participant will have the opportunity of presenting and discussing the theses and results with the attendees including national and international professionals of the retreat. Additional to the coverage of travel and accommodation participants can receive an expense allowance up to 300 EUR for the preparation of the manuscript and retreat presentation.

The last day of the retreat will be embedded in the two-day symposium of the “Interdisciplinary Scientific Centre “Medizin-Ethik-Recht (MER)” (Medicine-Ethics-Law) of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (1st day topic: iPS cells). During a professionally moderated session retreat attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their theses with experts and the attendees of the symposium.

Optional, the attendees of the retreat have the opportunity to attend the 2nd day of the symposium (June 23rd) of the MER Halle-Wittenberg, which will address the cutting-edge topic of “genome editing”. Registration for the second day of the symposium will be free of charge for participants of the retreat, costs for additional overnight stay have to be covered individually. Additionally, on June 23rd there will be the “Long Night of Sciences” hosted by Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg with open lectures and demonstrations of the entire university, admission is free.

We are looking very forward to your application and to welcoming you in Halle (Saale), Germany.

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