

President's Report
ICOC Meeting
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President



Personnel Changes

Departing:

- **Jennifer Rosaia**, Meeting Coordinator
- **Nicole Pagano**, Communications Officer

New Temporary Assignment:

- **Kirk Kleinschmidt**, Communications Officer



Current Recruitments

- Chief Communications Officer
 - Two finalists
- Chief Finance and Administration Officer
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- Scientific Review Officer
- Grants Technical Assistant



Scientific Strategic Plan

- 59 people interviewed
- Three meetings for the ICOC and the public
 - Funding Structures (May 25)
 - Scientific Strategy (July 13)
 - Industry and Stem Cell Research (July 25)
- Two ICOC meetings (June 1 and Aug 1)
- One focus group meeting and one planned
 - Patient advocates (July 20)
 - Diversity meeting (late August)
- Five Strategic Plan Advisory Committee meetings



Other Scientific Activities

- *Assessment of Medical Risk for Egg Donors*
 - IOM Organizing Committee, Dr. Linda Guidice, Chair
 - Tentative date of September 28
 - Speakers, location, and registration information will be announced on our website and managed by IOM
 - Simultaneous webcast
- *Control of Stem Cell Renewal and Commitment to Differentiation*
 - California/UK meeting
 - November 13-14, 2006
 - Participants chosen, will be announced shortly (32, Jr./Sr.)



CIRM Stem Cell Training Program

- Meeting of Directors at CIRM (June 20)
- Diverse programs at 16 institutions give CIRM training program great breadth overall
- About half of the trainees appointed
 - Quality very high
 - Diverse scientific interests



Research Administration for New Grant Programs

- Expect all policies related to research for non-profit institutions to be in place by early fall
- Installing on-line, state-of-the-art integrated system for Grants Administration (Easygrants)
 - Goal: in operation by Sept. 15
- Hiring new personnel
- ICOC will be able to approve new grants by early 2007

