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San Francisco, CA - This April, the world's leading stem cells researchers from Sweden and California will join pioneers from the fields of life sciences, finance and the legal community to map out the future of stem cells research and development in California. The 2005 Stem Cells Symposium, on April 26-27th, is organized by the Consulate General of Sweden in San Francisco, the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco/Silicon Valley, the Swedish Office of Science and Technology in Los Angeles and Astragen LLC and will bring together the scientific and business expertise required to build bilateral world-class research programs that foster entrepreneurship.

The Symposium will feature six keynote addresses from world-renowned researchers and leading experts in the stem cells field, and over 12 other researchers and business representatives will address cutting-edge issues in a series of panel discussions. Key city officials will participate including San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

The Symposium will also arrange meetings of researchers, companies and potential financiers to spark international research and business ventures, both in the context of California's "Proposition 71" funding and beyond.

"Sweden has one of the most advanced Stem Cells research programs in the world today," says Dr. Kent Persson, member of the Board of Directors at Astragen LLC and

the Chair of the Symposium's Advisory Committee. "The Symposium will attract top level stem cells researchers and bring together both Swedish and Californian businesses with Stem Cells Research for world class entrepreneurial ventures," says Dr. Neerja Sethi, member of the Board of Directors at Astragen LLC and the Symposium's Advisory Committee.

"This is a unique opportunity for Swedish and American stem cells researchers and entrepreneurs to exchange knowledge for continued expansive stem cells research," says Mr. Nils Welin, Executive Director Swedish American Chamber of Commerce.

"We look forward to bringing together researchers, companies, policy makers and others from Sweden and the US in this very important area. Due to California's Proposition 71 stem cells funding initiative, there is a great potential to form joint ventures between Swedish and US concerns. Progress in the stem cells area will most likely lead to major health benefits and economic growth in our countries," says Helena Jonsson-Franchi, Swedish Attaché of Science and Technology, at the Swedish Office of Science and Technology in Los Angeles.

This will be a "continuing symposium," with follow-up meetings in future years to map progress and continue to steer the course for future international cooperation in this important area of scientific, business and governmental cooperation.

Keynote Speakers and Panelists from Sweden

Keynote

Anders Björklund, MD, PhD, Prof., Wallenberg Neuroscience Center, Division of Neurobiology, Lund University.

Sten Eirik W. Jacobsen, MD, PhD, Prof. of Stem Cell Biology, Head Hematopoietic Stem Cell Laboratory, Director Lund Stem Cell Center, Lund University.

Henrik Semb, PhD, Prof. of Functional Genetics, Lund University. Co-founder of Cellartis AB.

Lars Åhrlund-Richter, PhD, Prof., Director, Unit for Molecular Embryology, Clinical Research Center, Karolinska Institutet.

Panelists

Ernest Arenas, MD, PhD, Prof., Laboratory of Molecular Neurobiology, Karolinska Institute. Founder and Board member of NeuroTherapeutics AB.

Peter Eriksson, PhD, Prof., Head of Research, The Arvid Carlsson Institute for Neuroscience, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University. Co-founder of Cellartis AB.

Outi Hovatta, Prof., Karolinska Institutet, Department of Clinical Science, Division of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Huddinge University Hospital.

Johan Häggblad, PhD, Head of Business Development, Neuronova, Sweden.

Anders Vedin, MD, PhD, Chairman and Co-founder of Cellartis, Gothenburg, Sweden. Founder, Vedicon Consultancy.

Keynote Speakers and Panelists from The United States

Keynote

Arnold R. Kriegstein, PhD, Prof., Director, Program in Developmental and Stem Cell Biology, UCSF School of Medicine.

Jane Lebkowski, PhD, Senior Vice President of Tissue Regenerative Medicine, Geron Corporation.

Panelists

Burrill & Company, is a leading biotech venture capitalist firm based in San Francisco, CA.

Rik Derynck, PhD, Prof., Department of Cell & Tissue Biology, University of California, San Francisco.

Susan Fisher, PhD, Prof., Department of Cell and Tissue Biology, University of California San Francisco.

Michael German, MD, Prof., UCSF Diabetes Center, University of California, San Francisco.

Pillsbury Winthrop LLP is an international law firm with approximately 700 lawyers in 16 offices located in the United States, London and Asia.

Renee A. Reijo Pera, PhD, Co-director, Program in Human Stem Cell Biology, UCSF.

David Warburton, D.Sc., MD, Prof., USC Keck School of Medicine and School of Dentistry, Leader, Developmental Biology Program, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, Saban Research Institute.

[About the Consulate General of Sweden in San Francisco](#)

The Consulate General of Sweden in San Francisco provides services to Swedish citizens and conducts extensive information and culture activities, arranging and supporting Swedish events in the San Francisco Bay Area.

[About the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce San Francisco/Silicon Valley](#)

The main objective of the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco/Silicon Valley is to foster trade between Sweden and the US and to enhance the business interests of its members. By providing a broad spectrum of services and new business opportunities through networking, the Chamber contributes to the development and improvement of goodwill between the business communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and Sweden.

[About the Swedish Office of Science and Technology, Los Angeles](#)

The Swedish Office of Science and Technology, a Swedish Governmental Agency, is represented in strategic regions with significant development within science, technology and economic growth. The Swedish Office of Science and Technology monitors and conducts analysis in areas important to economic growth. It also initiates and supports collaboration between the Swedish and US government, academia and industry.

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