

American Society of
Gene & Cell Therapy
**ANNUAL
MEETING**



May 16-19
2012
Philadelphia
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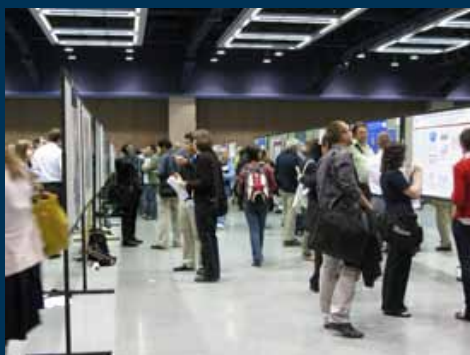
Call for Abstracts

The ASGCT invites you to submit your research to the largest scientific conference of its kind!

- ★ Have your published selection seen by 1,600+ clinicians and scientists
- ★ Present your research side by side with some of the most renowned research professionals in the field!



Approximately 1000 abstracts are presented each year at the ASGCT Annual Meeting



60 Travel Awards given to post-doctoral fellows and students



6 Excellence in Research Awards given to post-doctoral fellows and students

Submission Site live on November 1, 2012
Abstract Submission Deadline: January 17, 2012



info@asgct.org

General Meeting Information

ASGCT

The American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy (ASGCT) is a non-profit medical and professional organization that represents researchers and scientists devoted to the discovery of new genetic and cellular therapies. ASGCT was established in 1996 by Dr. George Stamatoyannopoulos, professor of medicine at the University of Washington's School of Medicine and a group of the country's leading researchers in gene therapy. With nearly 2,000 members in the United States and worldwide, ASGCT is the largest association of individuals involved in genetic and cellular therapeutics.

Through its educational programs and services, ASGCT strives to advance knowledge, awareness, and education leading to the discovery and clinical application of genetic and cellular therapeutics to alleviate human disease.

ASGCT's Annual Meeting is the primary forum for the Society to serve as a catalyst for bringing together scientists, physicians, patient advocates, and other stakeholders to transform the practice of medicine by incorporating the use of genetic and cellular therapies to control and cure human disease.

Meeting Dates

The ASGCT 15th Annual Meeting will take place May 16-19, 2012 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Target Audience

The target audience includes basic science and translational researchers, clinical investigators, physicians, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, other healthcare professionals and employees of federal government and regulatory agencies, academic institutions and the biotechnology industry with an interest in the latest advancements in the field of genetic and cellular therapies.

International Abstract Submitters

International abstract submitters who plan to attend the ASGCT 15th Annual Meeting will need to apply for a VISA to travel to the meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. **The amount of time required to obtain a VISA has increased tremendously over the past few years. Therefore, it's not too soon to apply for your VISA, even before you have submitted an abstract.** If you require a letter from the Society as part of your application, contact Ken Janowski (kjanowski@asgct.org) at the ASGCT Executive Office.

Call For Abstracts - General Information

Abstract receipt deadline for electronic submission: January 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM EST. (*Deadline will not be extended.*)

The abstract submission site will go live at www.asgct.org on November 1, 2011.

Abstract Submission Process

ASGCT will review all submitted abstracts and select abstracts for either the oral or poster sessions. ASGCT expects that all abstracts selected for presentation will be presented by the authors and that submitted abstracts will not be withdrawn. All accepted abstracts become the property of ASGCT and will be published in a supplement to *Molecular Therapy* and on the ASGCT website. Please do not submit an abstract if you are not prepared to travel to the meeting and present it in the form selected by ASGCT.

Electronic Submission

Please go directly to the ASGCT website at www.asgct.org for complete instructions to begin the submission process. There is no fee for electronic abstract submissions. The submission site opens November 1, 2011.

Eligibility

Members of ASGCT, as well as nonmembers, are eligible to submit abstracts. Submitting an abstract does not register you for the Annual Meeting. You must also register for the meeting. Meeting registration will be available online at www.asgct.org in December 2011.

Prior Publication

Papers that have been accepted for publication or published prior to the abstract submission deadline may not be submitted unless special consideration is requested. Special consideration may be requested by checking the appropriate box on the abstract form and providing a statement explaining the special circumstances. If your abstract was previously accepted for presentation at ASGCT or another national/international meeting, do not submit the abstract again, unless there is significantly more data to report.

Submission Approval - New!

When you submit an abstract this year, you will be asked to confirm that you have approval from all authors on the abstract to submit the abstract.

Review Process

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed according to the subject category. Authors must indicate the review categories (one primary & one secondary) during the electronic submission process. Abstract categories must be selected before an abstract will be reviewed.



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Abstract Placement

The ASGCT Abstract Review Committee will determine where abstracts will be placed within the program. All abstracts submitted will be considered for one presentation: oral (simultaneous session) or poster. **Over 200 (23%) of the abstracts submitted by the January 17th deadline will be eligible for oral presentations based on their review score and the determination of the Abstract Review Committee. Only eight (8) total abstracts will be selected from the late abstracts to be given as oral presentations, regardless of the number submitted.**

Trainee Travel Grants

ASGCT Associate Members Only!

ASGCT will be offering up to 60 travel grants to postdoctoral fellows and students who are Associate Members of ASGCT. The grants will be awarded based on abstract review scores and a determination of the ASGCT Abstract Review Committee. **Travel grants will only be awarded to abstracts submitted by the January 17th deadline. No travel grants will be awarded for late abstract submissions.**

The travel grants are worth up to \$500 (North America and Mexico) or \$600 (International) for reimbursement for meeting-related expenses including lodging, travel and meals. To be considered for such a grant, please make sure to check one of the two boxes (student or postdoctoral fellow) for Trainee Travel Award Consideration. Please Note: Meeting registration fees are non-reimbursable; travel grant recipients must register for the meeting and pay the registration fees.

Simultaneous Oral Presentation Sessions

Simultaneous Oral Presentation Sessions are formal, LCD/PowerPoint presentations, followed by a brief discussion.

Poster Sessions

Poster Sessions allow the review of an illustration of the abstract. At specific intervals, authors must be present to informally discuss their work. Authors are requested to post and remove posters at designated times. ASGCT poster sessions are extremely well attended.

Notification

Notification regarding acceptance or rejection of abstracts will be made in mid-March 2012 via email. Acceptance and non-acceptance letters will also be available online at the submission site, so that you can download the official letter. Travel Grant and Excellence in Research Award acceptance and non-acceptance letters will also be sent at this time. If you need assistance accessing your notification letter, please contact:

Ken Janowski, Education & Meetings Manager
Phone: 1-414-278-1341
Fax: 1-414-276-3349
Email: kjanowski@asgct.org

Acceptance Of Presentation

All notified abstract presenters are required to accept their presentation as instructed in their notification email. This will be available online through the abstract submission site.

Abstract Publication

All abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in a supplement to Molecular Therapy, the Society's official journal. The abstract volume will be distributed at the ASGCT 15th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. Abstracts will be available on the ASGCT website at www.asgct.org beginning April 19, 2012 (12:00 pm EDT).

Electronic Submission

Your abstract must be submitted on or before the deadline of January 17, 2012. There will be no extension of this deadline. There is no fee to submit an abstract online. Go directly to www.asgct.org for complete instructions on how to submit an abstract.

Late Abstract Submissions – New!

ASGCT will not extend the abstract submission deadline for the 15th Annual Meeting. Instead, ASGCT will offer a late abstract submission process. The submissions site for late abstracts will open on **March 1, 2012**. The deadline for late submissions will be **April 2, 2012**.

PLEASE NOTE: **No travel awards** will be given for late abstract submissions. **Only eight (8)** late abstract submissions will be chosen for oral presentations based on their scores and the determination of the review committee, regardless of the number of late abstracts submitted. The remainder of the accepted late submissions will be scheduled as poster presentations.

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Topic Categories

Please select **one** first choice topic and **one** second choice topic from the list below that best describes your abstract.

Category selection is mandatory to submitting abstracts. The online program will not accept an abstract unless first and second choice categories are selected.

Work on vectors that illustrates basic principles of the vector system or is restricted to in vitro studies should be directed to categories A and B. Application of vectors in specific diseases or organ systems in animals or patients should be directed to category C.

Abstract Categories

Viral Vector Development

Vectors not specifically mentioned should be directed to the most closely related category. Hybrid vectors should be directed to the category that makes the largest contribution to the performance of the vector system.

- A1. RNA Virus Vectors
- A2. AAV Vectors
- A3. Adenovirus Vectors and Other DNA Viruses

Synthetic Gene Delivery

- B1. DNA Vectorology & Gene Targeting (includes gene correction strategies)
- B2. Physical Methods of Delivery
- B3. Chemical and Molecular Conjugates

Disease Models and Clinical Applications

- C1. Genetic and Metabolic Diseases – Gene & Cell Therapy
- C2. Cardiovascular Gene & Cell Therapy – (includes pulmonary hypertension) *Modified category!*
- C3. Neurologic & Ophthalmic Gene & Cell Therapy – (includes inherited, progressive and acquired diseases)
- C4. Musculo-skeletal Gene & Cell Therapy – (includes inherited, progressive and acquired diseases; excludes diseases affecting lung and respiratory muscles) *Modified category!*
- C5. Infectious Diseases and Vaccines – (excludes respiratory infectious diseases) *Modified category!*
- C6. Cancer - Immunotherapy – (excludes lung cancer) *Modified category!*
- C7. Cancer – Oncolytic Viruses – (excludes lung cancer) *Modified category!*
- C8. Cancer – Targeted Gene Therapy – (excludes lung cancer) *Modified category!*
- C9. Hematologic and Immunologic Gene & Cell Therapy – (excludes leukemia or lymphoma)
- C10. Gene and Cell Therapy for Pulmonary Diseases – (includes therapy for diseases affecting the lung and respiratory muscles, direct pulmonary gene transfer, respiratory infections, and lung cancer) *Modified category!*
- C11. Immunologic & Host Responses in Gene & Cell Therapy

Gene Regulation

- D. Gene Regulation – (includes gene expression, animal model systems and gene modification)

Oligonucleotide Therapies

- E. Oligonucleotide & RNAi Therapeutics – (includes RNAi and shRNA)

Stem Cell Therapies

- F. Stem Cell Therapies – (includes somatic and embryonic technologies)

Cell Processing and Vector Production

- G. Cell Processing and Vector Production

Abstract Questions

For questions regarding the abstract submission process, please contact Marathon Multimedia's Technical Support at: Phone: 1-507-333-1000 (outside US) or 1-866-759-5440 (toll free US) • Email: support@marathonmultimedia.com

Technical Support is open Monday – Friday during the following hours:

- 9:00 am – 6:00 pm EST
- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm CST
- 7:00 am – 4:00 pm MST
- 6:00 am – 3:00 pm PST

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Translational Science Training Course **May 15th, 2012**

This ASGCT program will focus on the translation of gene and cell therapy from the lab into the clinic.

The course will be held just prior to the ASGCT 15th Annual Meeting.

Topics Include:

- ★ Clinical Trials
- ★ Bio Statistics
- ★ Preclinical Studies
- ★ Regulatory
- ★ Manufacturing
- ★ Assays

Special registration rates for post-doctoral fellows and junior investigators.

Discounted Annual Meeting registration rates and special one-day Wednesday rates are available to Course Participants.



**REGISTRATION OPENS
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