Sight Restoration Through Stem Cell Therapy - Subject of June Symposium of Experts

Regenerative Stem Cell Applications to Eye Diseases Will Be Addressed by World Experts at an Invitation Only Symposium on "Sight Restoration Through Stem Cell Therapy" this June in Santa Monica, CA

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) March 31, 2015 -- This June 13th, a distinguished group of Ph.Ds, M.Ds and Professors from the top U.S and International Medical Schools will come together in Santa Monica, California, to share their latest research on the application of stem cell therapy in treatments and cures for blinding eye diseases. The symposium is organized and funded by the Ocular Research Symposia Foundation, Inc. (ORSF), an independent nonprofit that has been convening intimate meetings of top experts in the field of eye research since 2002 to move the research discussed forward at an accelerated pace.

Gerald J. Chader, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Ocular Stem Cell Project in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Southern California, and Dr. Michael Young of Harvard Medical School are co-chairs of this year's symposium. "ORSF has the unique ability to bring together experts in the key foundational issues of stem cell research, as well as a range of clinical applications," states Dr. Chader. "Beyond the academic presentations on stem cell therapy relating to glaucoma, corneal diseases, macular degeneration and other incurable eye diseases, the participants will devote time to discussing strategies to move the most promising research forward toward clinical trials and effective treatments and cures. Our approach is unique. We believe we can accomplish more in a few hours of frank discussions among colleagues than can be achieved in a week-long conference of hundreds of attendees."

After each symposium, ORSF produces a comprehensive report bringing together the many discussions and findings from the latest meeting. In 2013, their report on "The Aging Eye" was published as a special issue of "IOVS: Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science," the Journal of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. They will also be publishing this year's report. The reports offer a prime vehicle for spreading information beyond the symposium participants themselves to other researchers, clinicians, corporations, medical schools, government entities and the interested public. The reports are available free of charge through the ORSF web site.

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The Ocular Research Symposia Foundation emerged from the Drabkin Research Symposia, held from 2002 to 2011. Founded by Robert Drabkin, the early symposia were presented biennially through The Washington Advisory Group. When this advisory group disbanded, ORSF was incorporated in California with ongoing support from the Drabkin Foundation, continuing the catalytic role of the symposia breaking down academic silos and making the exchange of critical information possible. Tax deductible donations to the organization go toward programming future meetings, inviting experts to the symposia, publishing reports, and spreading information throughout the ocular research field. This month, the Foundation was pleased to receive a small peer review grant for this symposium from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine.
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