

Mission

The Stem Cell Network NRW brings together stem cell research activities in North Rhine-Westphalia using a unique, transdisciplinary approach and interconnects them nationally and globally.

The focus lies on the promotion of early career researchers, the translation of research results into biomedical applications, research into ethical, legal and societal implications of stem cell research, political advice and public outreach.



Stem Cell Network NRW at a glance

- ▶ Established in 2002
- ▶ Bipartite structure with biomedical research and ethical, legal and social sciences
- ▶ Translation of research results into biomedical applications
- ▶ Biannual International Meeting
- ▶ Promotion of early career researchers
- ▶ Seed funds to promote interdisciplinary research projects
- ▶ Outreach activities to various stakeholders and society at large



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About us

The Stem Cell Network North Rhine-Westphalia is a non-profit association founded by 19 universities, university hospitals, and non-university research institutions based in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). Overall, more than 300 scientists working at 70 different institutes in NRW are engaged in the network.

Both biomedical basic research and the transfer of research results into biomedical applications are addressed in the Stem Cell Network NRW. At the same time philosophers, legal experts and social scientists in the network evaluate benefits and risks of this rapidly moving field in order to shape stem cell research responsibly and transparently. The close link between biomedical research and the investigation of its ethical, legal, and social aspects has always been a central characteristic of the network. This interdisciplinary approach is crucial for a well-informed dialogue about stem cell research, especially in view of the high expectations placed on it.

Initiated in 2002, the network has since gained national and international standing. Numerous regional, national and international projects are conducted within its framework, with an overall strong focus on the promotion of young academics. Since January 2019, the network is permanently funded by the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of NRW.

The network seeks to engage with stakeholders from diverse fields.

To this end, representatives from religious groups, disability and patient organizations, the scientific and business communities and other experts form part of the Advisory Board.



Activities

The Stem Cell Network NRW organizes events and offers expertise for different target groups:

Scientists

- ▶ International stem cell conferences
- ▶ Retreats and courses
- ▶ Seed funds for interdisciplinary projects

Representatives of media and politics

- ▶ Media contributions and scientific statements
- ▶ Expert referrals

Students and teachers

- ▶ Workshops in class
- ▶ Train the trainer
- ▶ Educational resources for project days

Laypersons and patients

- ▶ Comprehensive and concise information about stem cells
- ▶ Patient handbook on stem cell treatments
- ▶ Videos and other resources on stem cell research

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter of the Stem Cell Network NRW provides the latest information on stem cell research, scientific meetings and other items of interest for researchers and for the public. If you wish to receive our quarterly newsletter, please subscribe on our website:

www.stammzellen.nrw.de/en/newsroom/newsletter



International Meeting

Once every two years, the Stem Cell Network NRW organizes an International Meeting which regularly attracts more than 650 international participants.

Thanks to the support of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia global leaders in the stem cell field have been presenting their research at this meeting. Poster sessions provide young scientists with the opportunity to share their data and discuss their findings with international peers.

The increased involvement of industry supports the transition towards clinical applications. Podium discussions and other contributions regarding ethical, legal, and societal aspects of stem cell research facilitate critical reflection.

