

## December 18th, 2020

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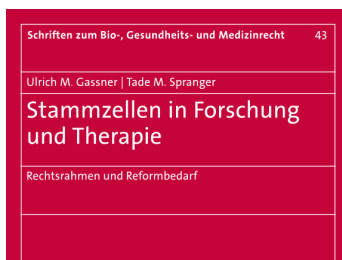
An extraordinary year is coming to an end. In the last newsletter issue for 2020, we present a new book on the regulation of stem cell research, look back at the last events and report from the committees and the coordination office of the association. In addition, there is news about the 10th International Meeting 2021 and UniStem Day 2021.



- **Regulation of stem cell research: New book**
- **Workshops find great appeal**
- **10th International Meeting goes virtual**
- **News from committees and coordination office**
- **UniStem Day 2021 almost fully booked**
- **Season's greetings**

Enjoy reading and take care!

### Recommendations for the regulation of stem cell research: New book



Turning stem cell research findings into new therapies requires a suitable legal framework. In a volume now published by Nomos, Ulrich M. Gassner and Tade M. Spranger analyze the regulation of stem cell research in Germany and point out reform options.

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### Training opportunities and workshops for stem cell researchers find great appeal



To prepare young scientists for the next steps in their career and leadership tasks, as well as to create awareness for unconscious bias and discrimination in science, the Stem Cell Network NRW has offered various trainings and workshops in the past weeks.

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### 10th International Meeting of the Stem Cell Network NRW now a virtual conference



The Covid-19 pandemic continues to have the world firmly in its grip. Therefore, it was decided to turn the 10th International Meeting on March 29 and 30, 2021 into a virtual conference and cancel the face-to-face event planned in Aachen.

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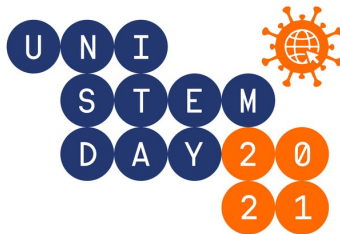
## News from the committees and the coordination office



The expansion and establishment of the association's structures continue to make progress: The Advisory Board of the Stem Cell Network NRW met for the first time, the Executive Board was confirmed in office, and a new colleague joined the team of the coordination office.

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## UniStem Day 2021 meets great interest – offers in NRW almost fully booked



Despite difficult conditions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, eleven institutes at various locations throughout North Rhine-Westphalia participate in the international action day on stem cell research in March 2021.

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## We wish you a happy holiday season and a peaceful New Year!



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2021

2020 was a particularly challenging year for all of us. Like many others, we had to adjust our annual planning and, for example, postpone the 10th International Meeting until March 2021. At the same time, the year also brought new opportunities: Through innovative digital event formats, such as our „Spotlight Series“, we were able to maintain the exchange within the network despite the pandemic.

**Thank you very much for the trusting cooperation during this extraordinary year.**

We send you, also on behalf of our chairman Prof. Dr. Oliver Brüstle, heartfelt holiday greetings and many good wishes for a new year filled with health, happiness, and success.

**Looking forward to meeting you again in 2021!**

Coordination Office of the Stem Cell Network NRW

Novel, xeno-organoid approach, in which human iPSC-derived germ cell precursors (green) were cultivated with testicular cells from newborn rats (Sertoli cells in red, peritubular cells in yellow). The formation of tubular structures and the interaction of human germ with rat testicular cells were observed (Image: Nadja Rotte, University Hospital Münster, published in *Moll et al.*, 2020).

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