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10:30 AM SESSION VIII – Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Disease – continues

David Bodine, Bethesda, USA
Novel vectors for globin gene therapy using regulatory elements of non-globin genes
Puram Malak, Cincinnati, USA
Graft Versus Host Disease Therapy for Hematopoietic Progenitors
Dafni Panagiotou, Athens, Greece
Gamma Gloxin Lentiviral Vector-Mediated Stem Cell Gene Therapy of Beta Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Disease

12:00 PM SESSION IX – Fanconi Anemia

Juan Barra, Madrid, Spain
Towards the Gene Therapy of Fanconi Anemia: Patients with Lymphoid Vectors
David Williams, Cincinnati, USA
Too late, too late the initial experience in FA gene therapy

12:30 PM SESSION X – Panel Discussion: What is the optimal BM conditioning for stem cell gene therapy?

Guido Lucarelli, Roma, Italy
Maria Grazia Roncarolo, Milano, Italy
Athenasios Fassas, Thessaloniki, Greece
General Discussion

2:00 PM Break for Lunch
3:00 PM Poster Session C
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM SESSION XI – Gene Therapy of Cancer

Claudio Bordignon, Milano, Italy
T cell-based immunogene therapy of cancer
David Williams, Cincinnati, USA
Too much of a good thing? MGMT in chemoresistance and brain tumor therapy
Chiaia Bonini, Milano, Italy
Suicide immune-gene therapy in hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
Masafumi Onodera, Tsukuba Science City, Japan
Ospite effects of an integration site on expression of the transgene - Gene silencing or Leukemogenesis
C. Anthony Blau, Seattle, USA
Erythropoietin Blockade for the Treatment of Cancer

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Dear Friends,

It is my honor to invite you to participate in a highly sig-
mificant International Scientific Meeting, the 6th Conference on Stem Cell Gene Therapy which will be held in Halkidiki (Chalkidiki) 13-17 September 2007. This year the Conference is transferred outside the USA under the decision of the organizer of the meeting, George Stamatiopoulos, whose wish is for this change to highlight the significant contributions of the European researchers in the recent breakthrough develop-
ments in the gene therapy field.

Gene therapy is rapidly being developed in order to target therapeutic treatments to a broad spectrum of human diseases. Cur-
rently, gene therapy approaches are being tested in many clinical trials for Congenital Immunodeficiencies, Cancer, GHD, Thalassemia, AIDS, and Parkinson’s disease. The Conference aims to focus on diseases that require correction at the stem cell level to ensure long-term therapeutic function and expression. The difference will bring together all the great contributors in the field of stem cell gene therapy who will present the recent developments and try to address the emerging challenges. The Conference will be attended by a worldwide scientific audience. It is a unique opportunity for the Greek and Balkan colleagues to benefit from their research, not only for those who are directly or indirectly involved in this particular field but also for those who wish to gain a thorough introduction in upcoming developments.

The Hellenic Society of Hematology is proud to participate and contribute to the organization of the Conference. It serves this honor and gratitude to its distinguished member, professor and academic, George Stamatiopoulos.

Medical doctors, PhDs, biologists, technicians, students and other medical professionals are encouraged to partici-
pate. It will be our pleasure to welcome you to the charming Chalkidiki and share with you unique scientific experiences in an unforgettable scenery.

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