Dear Allison Hubel,

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Subject: New resources to help you, short course info, What is new in the library.

February 2012 Newsletter

Dear Allison,

ECI's cell therapy scale-up conference in San Diego and the Biorepository Research Network Meeting in Washington DC were two wonderful meetings. The speakers and topics and both meetings were excellent and it was great to see issues related to...
preservation discussed at both meetings.

We are preparing for the next offering of the short course. On line registration is available. Keep in mind that the early registration deadline is May 4, 2012.

BioCoRs LinkedIn Page is a forum for discussions. We have expanded to include promotions and we will continue to expand what we offer through our LinkedIn page.

We are focusing this month on resources to help you: a listing of conferences in which preservation will be discussed, more additions to the BioCoR library, archives of critical webcasts, etc.

BioCoR is a national resource focused on advancing the science, technology and practice of biospecimen preservation. We are dedicated to developing biopreservation protocols, improving preservation and storage technologies, establishing standards and guidelines and training individuals and institutions in the science and technology of biopreservation.

More information can be found on the BioCoR website: www.biocor.net. Or you may contact us now at biocor@me.umn.edu

Preservation of molecular, cellular and tissue biospecimens

On-line registration is open! Preservation of Molecular, Cellular and Tissue Biospecimens
May 21-23, 2012
Minneapolis, MN 55455

Now in its eighth year, this short course covers: liquid storage, cryopreservation, fundamentals of preservation, protocol development, debugging protocols, repository design, protein preservation, tissue preservation, clinical preservation, quality control, regulatory issues and more.

The course is offered for both in class attendance and is webcast with lectures available to watch live or later at your convenience.

The following is a listing of quick links to short course information:

- a listing of lectures for the course (schedule)
- Information on lecturers (speaker bios)
- Registration fees (fee schedule)
- Direct link to online registration (online registration)

The short course is a good place to find people looking for the latest in products and services related to preservation. You can find out more information on opportunities for exhibiting at the short course (exhibit information).
Groups of two or more attending the short course receive a discount.

As always, you are welcomed to contact us at biocor@me.umn.edu if you have questions regarding the short course.

The course has been endorsed by ISBER.

What is new in the library?

There have been a lot of questions for the BioCoR experts. We have added some answers to the library and some articles of interest.

Articles of interest:

- Drying cells for storage
- Benchmarks for cell banking

Ask the expert:

- Can I store cells at -20C?
- Assistance with liquid storage of hematopoietic cells.

(BioCoR library).

More resources to help you/Meet the BioCoR Faculty

**Webcast Archive:** The Biospecimen Research Network meeting was well attended and scientifically enriching. An archive of the meeting webcast can be found on their website. The site also has archives of the webcast of previous BRN meetings. All of the archived webcasts represent important resources on biospecimen preservation.

*Mark your calendars for upcoming meetings related to preservation. You will also have the opportunity to meet BioCoR faculty and get to learn more about us.*

**Upcoming meetings:**

**ISBER**
May 15-18, 2012
Vancouver, BC, Canada
BioCoR faculty Amy Skubitz will be there.

**Cryobiology Meeting**
June 3-6, 2012
Rosario, Argentina

**NIH**
Pluripotent Stem Cells in Translation: Preclinical Considerations
July 10-11, 2012
Washington DC
BioCoR Director, Allison Hubel, will be there.

AABB
Oct 6-9, 2012
Boston, MA
BioCoR faculty, David McKenna, will be there.

Linked In discussion topic of the month
Join the discussion of preservation issues on our LinkedIn site! (BioCoR Linked In Page)

This month's topic: Preservation can be very labor intensive and time consuming. If you could automate one aspect of the process, what would it be?

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