May 2015

Dear (Name),

The registration deadline for Preservation of Molecular, Cellular and Tissue Biospecimen as well as Preservation of Cellular Therapies is rapidly approaching. Registration ends on May 12, 2015.

BioCoR has added a social media manager, Julianne. She will be helping to coordinate our website, newsletter and LinkedIn page. Welcome, Julianne and thanks for your help!

Check out what is new in the library, advocate on behalf of preservation research at the federal level and recommend books to go in the BioCoR Preservation Library.

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.umn.edu. Or you may contact us now at biocor@umn.edu

Registration closes May 12, 2015!

Preservation of Molecular, Cellular and Tissue Biospecimens
May 19-20, 2015
Minneapolis, MN with simultaneous webcast

The course has been endorsed by ISBER (course endorsement)!

Quick links

- Schedule of lectures
- Biographies of lecturers
- Registration information
- Direct link to online registration (registration)
Preservation of cellular therapies
May 20-21, 2015
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Can't come to Minneapolis?
Take the course over the web. It is designed to work around your schedule.

The courses will be offered back-to-back. Individuals registering for both courses will receive a discount. Two or more individuals from the same organization registering for a single course will also receive a discount. Please contact us at biocor@umn.edu for more details.

What is new in the BioCoR library?

Ask the expert
- Preservation of peripheral blood mononuclear cells for EBV transformation
- Storing Ascites

Don't forget to visit
- Resources for Biobanking (library link)
- Resources for Preservation of cellular therapies (library link)

We are currently updating the information on those pages and adding more information.

Please remember to check on a regular basis.

A call to action: advancing preservation research at the federal level

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at the National Institutes of Health is asking for your input on its strategic vision for research priorities in the next decade. Web-based technology is permitting them to 'crowd source' ideas and have people vote on issues of interest.
If you are concerned about preservation of cellular therapies, this is your opportunity to speak and be heard.

Topic #1: preservation of two specific cell types: platelets and red blood cells. If you want to comment on these two cell types, please go to the link (Platelets and RBCs)

Topic #2: involves broadly improving preservation of cellular therapies and includes liquid storage as well as frozen storage of cells. If you want to comment on preservation issues more broadly, please go to the link (preservation of cellular therapies).

What can you do??

- Vote for a specific topic.
- Make a comment on a specific topic

You may also simply send an email to NHLBI. Please use the email: nhlbi_vision@mail.nih.gov. Please mention the topic that you are commenting on.

Deadlines for comments, votes, etc. is May 15, 2015.

Help us build the book bibliography

BioCoR has tried to connect you to the scientific literature published in journals. We also want to connect you to books that may be helpful.

BioCoR has started to compile a bibliography of books on
(1) Preservation
(2) Biobanking
(3) The clinical laboratory aspects of cell therapies

We will have a draft of the bibliography in the library by the end of May.

You can send your suggestions to biocor@umn.edu or join the BioCoR LinkedIn Group (BioCoR LinkedIn Page) and leave your suggestion with the parallel discussion in that group.

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