

Dear Colleague,

RE: Get Connected! - Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Matrix Research Symposium, 13th-15th September 2010, University of Manchester, UK

The organisers of the inaugural Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Matrix Research symposium cordially invite you to register for **Get Connected!**, in conjunction with the 22nd meeting of the UK Adhesion Society and the Italian Associazione di Biologia Cellulare e del Differenziamento meeting.

This meeting will showcase fresh and exciting work from the fields of extracellular matrix, cell-matrix and cell-cell adhesions research. Our focus is to bring together young scientists who work in these fields and provide them with an opportunity to present their findings to their peers in a friendly and supportive environment.

We have put together an exciting programme including keynote lectures from **Paola Defilippi, Elisabetta Dejana, Paul Martin, Ulrike Mayer, Jim Norman** and **Erik Sahai**, and, a plenary lecture presented by **Martin Schwartz**.

We will also be holding two special sessions. The first will enable scientists to participate in an informal discussion entitled: The Future of ECM Research. In the second, science Communicator of the Year 2009, **Ceri Harrop** and leading scientific journalist, **Myc Riggulsford**, will host a session aiming to highlight and develop the transferable skills of young scientists in communicating their research to lay audiences. There will also be a poster session.

For further information and to register, visit: <http://ukadhesion.org>

The British Society for Matrix Biology (BSMB) are kindly offering three bursaries to current BSMB members that will cover the cost of registration, accommodation and food and drinks (terms and conditions apply). To apply for these bursaries please visit the website above or follow links on the BSMB website to download and complete a form.

We look forward to welcoming you in September!

Best Regards,

The Organising Committee:

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