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The National Institute for Research Health, Indian Council of Medical Research, Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility and Histostem, Inc., USA, will conduct an international symposium on "Stem Cells: Premises & Promises for Research & Therapeutics", in Mumbai on September 18-21, 2005.

The symposium will be an interactive forum for scientists involved in stem cell research to deliberate on the current scenario and identify future directions for research and therapeutic applications. The symposium would also serve as a platform to enhance awareness of the advances in stem cell research among the scientific community, to develop interactions between the scientists, and to establish linkages with national and international institutions working in the area.

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Drug Discovery to Clinical Trials

IBC Life Sciences will organize Drug Discovery to Clinical Trials conference on October 5-7, 2005 in Mumbai. The meet will feature a session on the "Current Status of Intellectual Property Rights in Asia" and a panel discussion on "Moving from a

Fee-for-Service/CRO Model to an Innovation Model in India and China: Challenges and Opportunities". Proposals for poster presentations at the event on scientific and business topics are currently being accepted and the deadline is September 14, 2005.

For more details, contact: enquiry@ibcasia.com.sg

Pharma Expo 2005

Pharma Expo 2005, the second edition of international pharmaceutical exhibition and conference organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), will be held on October 20-22, 2005 in Mumbai. The three-day event will bring together the manufacturers and suppliers of process, plant and equipment for the growing pharmaceutical industry. As a dedicated platform for the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry, the exhibition will provide a great opportunity for service providers to showcase their products and services to decision makers.

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BioProcess International

BioProcess International Asia Pacific, an international biopharmaceutical/biologics development, production and manufacturing conference will be held in Singapore on November 7-9, 2005. The 3-day conference will provide critical information on the biopharmaceuticals production and development industry, that spans across 10 Asia Pacific countries, specially addressing the needs of US, European and Asia Pacific regional executives and scientists who are looking for global alliances and technological innovations, as well as ways to improve their bioprocessing capabilities and skills.

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Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs meet

Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs meet will be conducted on September 26-27 in Singapore. The meeting will give an overview and introduction to pharmaceutical regulatory affairs in the major markets in Asia. It would also discuss regulatory procedures and requirements for the approval, particularly of new pharmaceutical products, clinical trials needs and opportunities and optimal regulatory strategies.

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PABORD 2005

PABORD 2005, a pharmaceutical and biotech outsourcing, research and development exhibition and conference, will be held in London on September 14-15, 2005. The event will focus exclusively on the theme of outsourcing in the research and development of new medicines. Companies both large and small are adopting this increasingly popular business strategy. The conference is relevant to service providers and R&D organizations active across the entire discovery and development chain from lead generation to product registration.

For more details, contact: info@pabord.com

Short course on mammalian cell culture

The Department of Biotechnology of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, is organizing a two-day short course on mammalian cell culture on September 19-20, 2005, at the Centre for Industrial Consultancy and Sponsored Research (ICSR Building, Hall 3), Chennai.

This course is designed for industrial biotechnologists and academic researchers, interested in learning the current practices

and exploring the future trends in mammalian cell culture biotechnology. It will present an interdisciplinary approach, covering both biological and engineering aspects of mammalian cell culture.

The deadline for registration is September 12, 2005. The contact person, Prof. Guhan Jayaraman can be reached on 044-22576108 (e-mail: guhanj@iitm.ac.in). The course co-ordinator, Prof. Dhinakar S Kompala can be reached on 9840468265 (e-mail: Kompala@yahoo.com)

For registration and course details, visit www.biotech.iitm.ac.in

BIO Mid-America VentureForum 2005

The 2005 BIO Mid-America VentureForum will be held in Minneapolis-St Paul, on September 21-23, 2005 at the Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, USA. The Midwest's largest annual event will showcase biotech and medical device product and platform companies from across the country.

The event will provide a platform for venture capitalists, start-up biotech and medical device entrepreneurs, and other industry participants to meet and explore funding and investment opportunities and forge business partnerships.

For more details, contact: BIOMidAmerica@bio.org

BioDefense and BioNanoMedicine-2005

BioDefense and BioNanoMedicine-2005-Boston meeting on "Infection, Inflammation, Immunity and Bionanotechnology" will be organized by GeneExpression Systems, Inc on November 6-8, 2005. Innovators and authorities in the fields of inflammation, immunity and infectious diseases from the academic, biotech and pharmaceutical communities will speaking on pulmonary diseases, bacterial and viral pathogenesis caused by anthrax, plague, francisella, tuberculosis, HIV, hepatitis, vaccine development and global healthcare policies.

In addition, use of Nano-particles and quantum dots in diagnostics and other medical arenas will be discussed. Special emphasis will be given on nano-particles applications for better gene and drug delivery purposes.

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Micro Biotech 2005

The Association of Microbiologists in India (AMI) will conduct Micro Biotech 2005 conference in Hyderabad on December 8-10, 2005. The theme of the conference is "Micro-Biotechnologies" focusing on biotechnologies based on live microorganisms relevant to all major areas of microbiology like microbial biotechnology, industrial microbiology, food microbiology, microbial technologies for environmental management, agricultural microbiology, medical and veterinary biotechnology.

Leading microbiologists of the country from various institutions and industries will address the delegates. There will be invited lectures and a special session exclusively for students. The conference will also feature an exhibition of books and equipment.

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BIO InvestorForum 2005

BIO InvestorForum 2005 will be organized on October 19-20, 2005 at The Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA. Hosted by BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization),

the largest industry organization focused exclusively on biotechnology, BIO InvestorForum 2005 will bring together industry investors with the management of top life sciences growth companies, as well as the companies poised to join the growth "watch list" for 2006.

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