

PRESS RELEASE

4,000 international experts in stem cell research to meet in Hamburg in 2021

Hamburg, 25 May, 2018 – Hamburg and the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg -- are pleased to be selected to host the 2021 annual meeting of the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR). The largest global gathering of stem cell scientists, ISSCR 2021 will bring as many as 4,000 researchers from around the world to Hamburg to share and discuss the latest news and discoveries in the stem cell field.

“We are very excited to bring this convention to Hamburg,” said Michael Otremba, managing director of the Hamburg Convention Bureau. “The city’s collaborative organizations and strong local networks, along with a diversified infrastructure, were key to the city’s winning proposal for this meeting,” he said. “The city’s local stakeholders are highly committed to organizing a terrific venue and platform to showcase science,” he said.

“The new CCH presents itself as a top convention venue that offers a great platform for international knowledge sharing and innovation,” said Bernd Aufderheide, President and CEO, Hamburg Messe und Congress GmbH. We are very pleased to welcome the International Society for Stem Cell Research to the CCH - Congress Center Hamburg in 2021.”

The successful bid was put together by several groups: the Life Science Nord (LSN) cluster initiative, Fraunhofer IME ScreeningPort, the Hamburg Ministry for Science, Research and Equality (BWFG), the Hamburg Convention Bureau (HCB) and the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg. The event will take place at the CCH - Congress Center Hamburg, scheduled to reopen in 2020 and expected to rank among Europe’s most modern and largest conference centres.

The ISSCR annual meeting includes a robust scientific program featuring top scientists from around the world presenting and discussing the latest findings in a variety of areas within the field of stem cell research.

“We look forward to bringing the meeting to Hamburg, a beautiful city in Germany, where there is a vibrant scientific community,” said ISSCR CEO Nancy Witty. “A number of research groups have collaborated in putting together a terrific venue to showcase the latest in stem cell research,” she said.

Dr. Ole Pless of the Fraunhofer Institute, who helped coordinate the effort, was thrilled with the selection. “Hosting the ISSCR annual meeting is a terrific honor for the city of Hamburg and for local stem cell scientists,” he said. “We are essentially receiving the accolade for Hamburg’s pronounced expertise in this area of medicine,” he said. “Personally, I am really looking forward to welcoming colleagues from around the world to Hamburg and showing

them what makes Hamburg so special – not only as a city, but also with regard to our research areas,” he said.

Damir Pavkovic, Marketing Director of the Life Science Nord cluster initiative, added: “The fact that Hamburg has won the international bid to host the world’s most important stem cell conference is a great recognition of the research accomplished within our cluster region. We are absolutely delighted with the decision and we would like to thank all of the stakeholders who have been involved in this fabulous success.”

The Hamburg Convention Bureau (HCB)

As a direct subsidiary of Hamburg Marketing GmbH, the HCB combines locational expertise with a broad spectrum of industry-specific knowledge, ranging from B2B meetings, conferences and conventions to large-scale public events. HCB is in charge of marketing Hamburg globally as a congress and conventions location and strengthening Hamburg’s profile internationally via highly visible public events.

The new CCH – UnmatCCHed Prospects for 2020

The CCH – Congress Center Hamburg has been undergoing comprehensive modernization and remodeling since January 2017. With a total available exhibition space of 12,000 square meters, another 12,000 square meters of foyer space, and 12,000 seats in up to 50 halls and rooms, the new CCH will be offering its customers nearly unlimited options for conventions, conferences and other events from 2020 onward.

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