



AMERICAN SOCIETY of
**GENE & CELL
THERAPY**

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Richard K. Burt, MD
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Dear Dr. Burt:

On behalf of the Program and Education Committees of the American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy (ASGCT), we wish to cordially invite you to speak in an educational program entitled Topical Review: Cellular Based Therapies at the Society's **14th Annual Meeting on May 18 – May 21, 2011 in Seattle, WA, USA**. The focus of your talk should be: Transplantation for autoimmune disorders.

The Annual Meeting will feature two keynote addresses, multiple scientific symposia and simultaneous oral abstract presentations. The meeting will cover broad areas of research in gene therapy ranging from stem cells to vaccines. We believe that your participation in the meeting will be crucial to its success.

Pertinent Session Information - Please Read:

The purpose of the Wednesday, May 18 education sessions is to teach the audience the ABC's of a specific topic and are geared towards individuals with little knowledge about the topic that want a basic overview. Education Sessions will be subdivided into two headings. "Topical Review" sessions will provide a broad perspective of an area of importance to the gene & cell therapy community such as major vector systems, specific target organs or diseases, and funding/regulatory issues. "Emerging Field Review" sessions will provide a broad perspective of a technological or scientific discipline that has recently become of great significance to our members. The education sessions are **not** to be laboratory presentations. Please pay special attention that the contents of your presentation provide a general overview of this topic.

Your presentation will be for 30 minutes. Please make sure that your presentation does not include any sensitive data/information. Your presentation will be posted on the ASGCT website following the ASGCT 14th Annual Meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Fulvio Mavilio, PhD
Co-Chairs, ASGCT Education Committee

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