

2014 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco



On November 6 and 7, 2014, the Alliance Forum Foundation held the *2014 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco*. The forum - focused on the industrialization of regenerative medicine - was a huge success, attended by over 350 attendees from patient advocacy groups, governments, funding agencies, research institutes, and businesses.

The conference's keynote speakers included Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, a Nobel laureate who discovered iPS cells – the next generation stem cells. Dr. Masayo Takahashi, responsible for the first human trial of an iPS-derived tissue and one of *Nature's* 10 people who mattered in 2014, made a keynote speech on the second day of the conference. Other cutting-edge researchers such as Drs. Yoshiki Sawa, Hidemitsu Nakauchi, and Hideyuki Okano also presented.



Another Nobel laureate Dr. Paul Berg participated in the panel discussion and emphasized the need for a strong collaborative relationship between academia and industry, in order to move forward stem cell therapy and regenerative medicine.

The private sector was also well represented at the forum with a strong interest in seizing new business opportunities in this emerging field. The regenerative medicine industry groups from the U.S. and Japan – ARM and FIRM respectively – were present and vocal. Current regulations as well as Japan's new legal framework allowing fast-track approvals of regenerative medicine products were among the areas of high interest.

SAVE THE DATE

The Alliance Forum Foundation is currently planning the *2015 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco*, "Regenerative Medicine: Let's Talk Business" on **November 12 and 13, 2015**, tentatively. For updates, visit www.wafsf.org. For more information, email programs@allianceforum.org.



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PAST PARTICIPANTS (Selected)

- **Dr. Yuichiro Anzai**, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- **Dr. Kenichi Arai**, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo Institute of Medical Science
- **Dr. Paul Berg**, Director Emeritus & Nobel Laureate, Stanford University Beckman Center for Molecular and Genetic Medicine
- **Dr. Arlene Chiu**, Director, Office of New Research Initiatives, City of Hope
- **Dr. Jason Coloma**, Head of Venture & Innovation, Roche Partnering
- **Ambassador George Hara**, Chairman, Alliance Forum Foundation; Special Advisor, Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister of Japan; International Council Member, Salk Institute
- **Dr. Regis Kelly**, Director, California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences (QB3)
- **Dr. Arnold Kriegstein**, Director, UCSF Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research
- **Mr. Edward Lanphier**, President & CEO, Sangamo Biosciences, Inc.; Chairman, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM)
- **Mr. Martin McGlynn**, CEO, StemCells, Inc.
- **Dr. Michiharu Nakamura**, President, Japan Science and Technology Agency
- **Dr. Hiromitsu Nakauchi**, Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine, IMSUT, University of Tokyo
- **Mr. Masashi Oka**, Executive Chairman, MUFG Americas Holdings & MUFG Union Bank
- **Dr. Hideyuki Okano**, Chairman, Graduate School of Medicine, Keio University
- **Mr. Robert Palay**, Chairman & CEO, Cellular Dynamics International
- **Dr. Mahendra Rao**, Former Director, NIH Center for Regenerative Medicine
- **Dr. Yoshiki Sawa**, Professor, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine
- **Ms. Susan Solomon**, CEO, New York Stem Cell Foundation
- **Dr. Deepak Srivastava**, Director, Gladstone Institutes
- **Dr. Masayo Takahashi**, Project Leader, Laboratory for Retinal Regeneration Research, RIKEN
- **Dr. Jonathan Thomas**, Governing Board Chair, California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
- **Mr. Yuzo Toda**, Senior VP & Director on the Board, FUJIFILM; Representative Director & Chairman, Forum for Innovative Regenerative Medicine (FIRM)
- **Dr. Alan Trounson**, Former President, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
- **Mr. Masato Watanabe**, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
- **Dr. Irving Weissman**, Director, Stanford University Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine
- **Mr. Michael Werner**, Executive Director, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine
- **Dr. Sandy Williams**, President, Gladstone Institutes
- **Dr. Joseph Wu**, Director, Stanford Cardiovascular Institute
- **Mr. Kunio Yamada**, Chairman & CEO, Rohto Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- **Dr. Shinya Yamanaka**, Nobel Laureate & Professor, Kyoto University; Senior Investigator, Gladstone Institutes

