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## PGDIS WEEKLY

9th International Conference on Preimplantation Genetics

Miami, Florida, April 23-25, 2009

**It's less than 3 months away!**

Dear Dr. Kizawa,

Here is a weekly update on the upcoming Miami PGD Conference and pre-Congress Workshops organized by PGDIS:

**Annual PGDIS Meeting on special topic of hESC, Belize, Central America, February 6-8, 2009** summarized the breakthroughs in Reprogramming, including the progress in reprogramming of adult somatic cells into ESC, hESC into any differentiated cell types and the first original results in studying the Disease Specific hESC lines. The data showed that these hESC lines represent a unique ESC model for different genetic disorders in the future efforts to develop effective therapies. **The overview of these developments will be reported in the keynote lecture and plenary session on Stem Cells at Miami PGD Conference, April, 2009.**

Currently, the preparations for the Pre-Congress Hands-On Workshop on Blastocyst Biopsy, **Istanbul, Turkey, February 26-28, 2009**, have been completed, with no more spots available at the present time. However, prospective applications for the next year can be submitted [here](#).

There are still a few spots available for the other Pre-Congress Hands-On Workshop, to be devoted to Preimplantation HLA Typing, which will be held in **Chicago, April 20-22, 2009**. Sign up [here](#).

Applications are also being accepted for two other Pre-Congress Workshops, to be held in **Miami, April 23, 2009**. One of them is of special value, as it will address the background for the recent controversy in **PGD for chromosomal aneuploidy in ART**, and will review the current approaches for the improvement of the accuracy of aneuploidy testing, which together with other technical aspects are the main means to achieve the improved outcome of ART.

In view of the current increase of the application of PGD to genetic practices, genetic counseling is becoming a key coordinating component of PGD, which has never been addressed in such a comprehensive approach, as planned in the Pre-Congress Workshop on Genetic Counseling in PGD to be held in Miami, April 23, 2009. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

Finally, abstract submission is continued for the 9th International Conference on Preimplantation Genetics, to be held in Miami Beach Hotel and Resort **April 23-25, 2009**. On request from PGD Centers, **the deadline for Abstract Submission has further been extended to March 2, 2009**. For more information on Abstract, visit our [website](#).

There are still rooms available in block of rooms at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa, reserved for a special conference price for advanced registrants. To benefit from this arrangement please contact PGDIS, or directly the hotel - Marty Loner [mloner@luxuryresorts.com](mailto:mloner@luxuryresorts.com), referring to PGDIS 2009 Conference.

As always please check our website at [www.pgdis.org](http://www.pgdis.org) to find the latest information concerning Preimplantation Genetics and the work of the Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society (PGDIS).

Sincerely,

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