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JAPAN

Dear Professor Kaneda,

As the Secretary and Abstract Chair of the American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy (ASGCT), it is my honor to personally invite you and your distinguished colleagues in Japan to participate in the ASGCT 15th Annual Meeting by submitting abstracts to and attending the meeting, which is taking place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, May 16 – May 19, 2012.

Our Society is truly international in scope with 29% of our participants in 2011 coming from countries outside of the United States, and 40% of the abstracts being presented by scientists from outside of the United States. In 2011 more than 160 scientists from Asia, including Japan, participated in our meeting.

We sincerely hope that many more scientists from Japan will accept this opportunity to submit abstracts for presentation at the meeting. Participation by you and your colleagues will both strengthen the global bond between scientists in the field as well as provide us all with an important opportunity to gain knowledge from the significant scientific advances taking place in Japan.

The deadline for abstract submissions for the Annual Meeting has passed. However, ASGCT is proud to announce that we will be accepting Late Abstract submissions beginning March 1, 2012. Abstracts submitted in March will be published in the July issue of ASGCT's official journal, *Molecular Therapy*, rather than the Annual Meeting Abstract Supplement. In addition, one oral abstract session (8 total presentations) is reserved for late abstract submissions.

Beginning March 1, 2012, please visit www.asgct.org to submit your research through the online abstract submission system located on the ASGCT 2012 Annual Meeting page. We would be greatly honored if you and your colleagues would submit an abstract for the meeting. The deadline to submit an abstract is April 2, 2012.

In addition, I'd like to draw your attention to a special Global Gene Therapy Summit and Reception that will held on the evening of Friday, May 18, 2011 to honor the international community at the Annual Meeting. The summit is being planned through a partnership among ASGCT, the Japan Society of Gene Therapy, the Korean Society of Gene Therapy, the European Society of Gene & Cell Therapy, and many colleagues in China.

Should you have any questions about late abstract submissions, please contact me through the ASGCT Education and Meetings Manager, Mr. Ken Janowski. He can be reached by email (kjanowski@asgct.org), phone (+1 414 278 1341), or postal mail (Ken Janowski, Education and Meetings Manager, American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy, 555 East Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI, 53202, USA).

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to many abstract submissions from our honored colleagues in Japan.

My sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Rossi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

John J. Rossi, PhD
ASGCT Secretary and Abstract Chair

cc: R. Jude Samulski, PhD
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