



## **Michigan Stem Cell Groups to Be Honored at 2009 World Stem Cell Summit in Baltimore**

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WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) will honor two Michigan stem cell organizations, Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures and Cure Michigan at its 5th annual Stem Cell Action Awards dinner on Tuesday, September 22, at the Hilton Baltimore as part of the 2009 World Stem Cell Summit in Baltimore, Maryland. Others receiving recognition include Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures (Education Award). MCSCRC is dedicated to educating the citizens of the State of Michigan, including public officials and policy makers, about the complex science, the biomedical potential and the current policies affecting stem cell research in Michigan. In 3 years the organization engaged in over 300 presentations, 10 radio programs and 11 cable and television shows for a statewide educational program that reached over 2 million citizens throughout the state.

Cure Michigan (Grassroots Advocacy Award). In 2008, 2.5 million citizens of Michigan voted to protect embryonic stem cell research in the state constitution. Cure Michigan organized this successful ballot initiative campaign and remains Michigan's leader promoting the advancement of state and national embryonic stem cell research and policy.

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm stated, "I congratulate Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures and Cure Michigan for this well-deserved honor. Stem cell sciences are the vanguard of innovation technologies that will spur economic growth in the coming decades and this recognition underscores Michigan's transformation as a biotechnology leader."

"The Genetics Policy is very pleased to honor Cure Michigan and Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research & Cures. Both groups are comprised of individuals dedicated to the alleviation of chronic disease and human suffering. As a result of their determined efforts, stem cell research is protected in the state constitution, thereby preserving Michigan's leadership role in regenerative medicine," said Bernard Siegel, Executive Director of GPI.

The 2009 World Stem Cell Summit is presented by GPI and hosted by Johns Hopkins University, the University System of Maryland, University of Maryland-Baltimore, Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development, Maryland Technology Development Corporation and Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund.

For information on how to register for the World Stem Cell Summit or to sponsor and attend the Stem Cell Action Awards Dinner, visit [www.worldstemcellsummit.com](http://www.worldstemcellsummit.com). Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) supports stem cell research to develop therapeutics and cures. GPI pursues its mission by honoring leadership through the Stem Cell Action

Awards, producing the World Stem Cell Summit, publishing the World Stem Cell Report, organizing educational initiatives and fostering strategic collaborations. For more information about GPI, visit [www.genpol.org](http://www.genpol.org).