



EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GENE & CELL THERAPY

The European Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ESGCT) is a non-profit organisation committed to supporting the advance of basic and translational research and clinical applications of gene and cell therapy.

The ESGCT Board is composed of highly respected and successful researchers representing a broad range of European Countries.



What we do

ESGCT has a growing membership including students, scientists, clinicians, ethicists and regulators from both academia and industry. We engage with our members to facilitate education and exchange new knowledge. We promote the field through:

- an annual congress that takes place each year in different European locations
- awards that recognise and celebrate the brightest researchers
- representation on decision-making committees at the highest levels in Europe
- public engagement days – where members of the public, schools and patients are invited to join in discussion and debate about gene and cell therapy



A global audience

The ESGCT annual congress attracts more than 1,000 delegates from across the world, making it the largest forum for gene and cell therapy in Europe. We work hard to create an engaging congress and the numbers suggest it is working:

- Abstract submission grows by at least 10% annually
- Delegate numbers grow by at least 10% annually; more than 60% of delegates return every year
- We have seen a large increase in interest from industry over the past three years and 85% of our exhibitors and sponsors return every year
- 85% of delegates would, given the opportunity, attend another congress
- More than 90% of delegates would recommend the ESGCT annual congress to colleagues





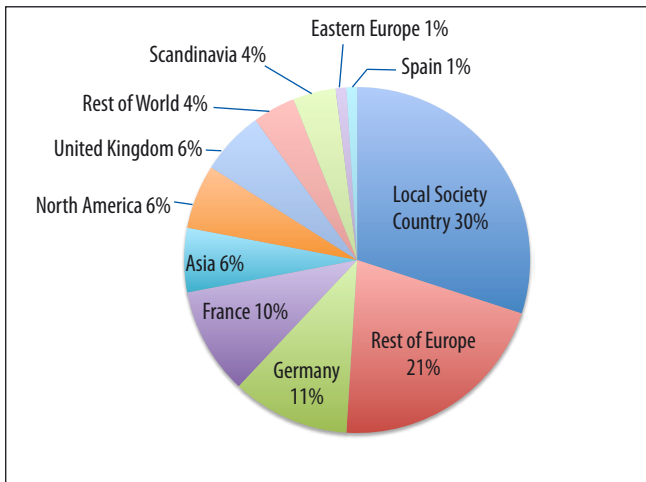
Developing talent

We are focused on nurturing the next generation of leaders. We provide incentives for students to participate, including subsidised registration fees and free yearly membership as part of their registration to the congress.





Participation



The top three reasons delegates are attracted to our annual congresses:

- Quality of overall scientific programme
- Location and price
- Networking opportunities

“ESGCT provided an excellent opportunity to see cutting edge products and services for our work. We ended up contracting one of the exhibitors for half a million worth of product.”



Advocacy

The EGCT serves as a professional adviser to stakeholder communities and regulatory bodies in Europe to strengthen the inclusion of gene and cell therapy topics in discussions at all levels. EGCT has nominated representatives on the European Medicines Agency Committee for Advanced Therapeutics since its inception in 2008.





Engaging the public

Gene and cell therapies are topical sciences, regularly appearing in the media and as such there is a great deal of interest from the public. We run a public engagement event to promote and discuss the safe and effective advancement of gene and cell therapies. This event has gained media attention and a large number of regular participants, including patients and their families.





Awards

10 Travel Grants for the highest abstract score for PhD students and first post docs

The **Young Investigator Award** for young investigators from first post-doc through to nine years post doc

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** for an established researcher who has made a long term contribution to the field

The **Breakthrough Investigator Award** for a researcher who has made a significant scientific breakthrough





Awards: Eligibility criteria

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General eligibility criteria

1. Candidates must be members of the European Society for Gene and Cell Therapy
2. Candidates must be nominated by two (or more) ESGCT members
3. Candidates must have conducted original research in basic science, technology development and/or clinical translation in the field of gene and cell therapy
4. Awardees must be available to give a presentation of their work at the ESGCT Annual Congress

Award-specific eligibility criteria:

TRAVEL GRANTS

Awarded to PhD students or first post docs. Selection is based on highest abstract score at the annual ESGCT Congress.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

All young investigators from PhD through to nine years post doc* are now eligible to apply for the Young Investigator Award.

*Extension of this period may be allowed in case of eligible career breaks: maternity or paternity leave (one year per child born after the PhD award), leave taken for long-term illness, national service, leave taken for

unavoidable statutory reasons (e.g. clinical qualification). The cumulative eligibility period should not surpass 12 years following award of first PhD.

For medical doctors, eligibility is based on completion date of clinical speciality.

For MD, PhD, eligibility is based on date of PhD award.

THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded to an established researcher who has made a long term contribution to the field. The winner of this award will also be eligible for the **Breakthrough Investigator Award** (an additional €500 and a trophy).

Nomination and selection process

Nominations must be submitted by two or more ESGCT members, in writing to the ESGCT board, no later than **24th August**. Nomination letters should provide an overview of the candidate's contributions to the field of gene therapy.

Nominations materials to include:

- Two or more nomination letters from ESGCT members (500 words or less)
- Curriculum Vitae and Bibliography of nominee
- PDF copies of the applicant's two best papers

All nominations will be reviewed by the ESGCT Awards Selection Committee



Membership information

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ESGCT membership offers:

- Information about grant opportunities in Europe that would help to facilitate networking between laboratories
- Instant access to a worldwide network of other members through our multisearch, online Members' Directory
- Online access to renew your membership, register for conferences and update your personal details via the members' only area of the website
- Reduced congress fees
- A reduced membership fee when multiple members from the same organisation join together
(10 or more joining at the same time will receive a 10% discount. Please quote same purchase order reference in each application and contact accounts@esgct.eu for joint invoice to be generated)
- FREE online subscription to *Human Gene Therapy*, the first journal to publish information on gene therapy, with in-depth coverage of DNA, RNA, and cell therapies.
- New expanded subscription with *HGT Methods* (18 issues per year!)

Fees:

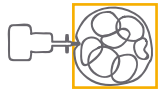
Students: 30 Euros

Academics: 60 Euros

Industry: 180 Euros

Apply for membership online at:

<http://www.esgct.eu/members/register>



Feedback

"The scientific programme was excellent."

"The session on stem cell niche was simply outstanding."

"I enjoyed the wealth of the congress programme and the diversity of the considered topics. The congress reported new findings relating to cell and gene therapy in many areas."

"It was a great networking opportunity."

"I enjoyed the talks about the clinical trials that are ongoing in the field of gene and cell therapy. Also the possibility of networking and starting new collaborations. The catering and gala evening were fantastic."

"The lectures from invited speakers were excellent."

"Excellent scientific programme. Excellent and friendly support from the Wats.on and local organising teams, particularly in the preparation and running of parallel meetings."



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Partnership Package

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		Platinum EUR 15,000	Gold EUR 10,000	Silver EUR 5,000	Supporter EUR 2,500	Exhibitor EUR 2,500
ONGOING BENEFITS	Logo on website banner	Highest visibility level	Second visibility level	Third visibility level	Fourth visibility level	
	Logo on website sponsor page	Highest visibility level	Second visibility level	Third visibility level	Fourth visibility level	
	Email alerts to mailing list (3,000 names)	Quarterly	Semi-annual	Annual		
	Society memberships giving access to the members' only area of website	Two memberships	One membership			
CONGRESS BENEFITS	Exhibition space 3x3 metres including table, two chairs, wifi and power	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Visibility on congress advertising materials	Top level	Second level	Third level	Fourth level	
	Advert in Congress Programme or Abstracts Book	Full page, colour*	Half page, colour*		Half page, colour*	
	Sponsorship of scientific sessions	Sole sponsorship of one plenary session or shared sponsorship of three parallel sessions of choice	Shared sponsorship of one plenary session or two shared parallel sessions	Sponsorship of one shared parallel session		
	Distribution of your flyers or one advertising item of your choice e.g. pens, mouse mats, wifi token in delegate bags	✓	✓	✓ (flyers only)		
	Branded email signature on all congress announcements for one month of your choice (month allocated on first come first served basis)	✓				
	Two free registrations	✓	✓	✓		
	Two seats at gala evening	✓	✓			
	Two exhibitor passes per stand per day including lunch and refreshments during the congress					✓

*Adverts in Abstracts Book may be in black and white



Optional extras



1	Sponsor of specific plenary session	€5,000
2	Logo-link and 100 words on ESGCT website all year round	€1,000
3	Branded email signature on all congress announcements for 1 month of your choice (month allocated on first come first served basis)	Price on application
4	Full page advert in Congress Book. A5 book distributed to all congress delegates – approx. 800	Price on application
5	Email circulars to ESGCT membership (three per year for one year). Email to be approved by ESGCT Board	Price on application
6	Inclusion on the ESGCT website's "useful information" pages: 250 words, logo and link on GMP or Regulations pages	Price on application
7	Insert in delegate bags. Packs distributed to all congress delegates – approx. 800	Price on application
8	Provide materials for congress (paper blocks, USB keys, name tags, pens etc.)	Price on application