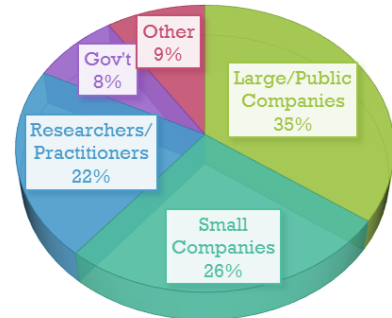


2015 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco



On November 12 and 13, 2015, the Alliance Forum Foundation, together with the Government of Japan, successfully held the 2015 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco (WAFSF). Entitled, “Regenerative Medicine: Let’s Talk Business,” the third annual conference on stem cell technologies and regenerative medicine focused on the commercialization and industrialization. Over 300 attendees representing small and large businesses, research institutes and hospitals, governments and agencies, nonprofits, and the media from the US, Japan, and beyond participated in exciting discussions at 2015 WAFSF.

2015 WAFSF Attendee Composition



Ms. Susan Solomon moderating the concluding panel discussion “Regenerative Medicine 2020 & 2030” joined by Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, Dr. Jonathan Thomas, and Mr. Robert Klein

The Forum also showed an increasing interest and entry of established companies – including many large pharmaceutical and biotech players – into the regenerative medicine field. Sanofi, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Celgene, GE, Fujifilm, and Hitachi were among the speakers and many more in attendance. The executives of these companies strongly emphasized the high potential of the field and are seeing huge opportunities both in the development of regenerative therapeutics, and enabling technologies or services.

The highlights of the conference include the keynote speech by Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, the Nobel laureate who discovered iPS cells. Dr. Yamanaka shared exciting developments in the clinical translation of iPS cells as well as in infrastructure building around the technology, including cultivating human resources and iPS cell banking.



Ms. Amy DuRoss of GE Ventures in the panel discussion “Investing & Partnering in Regenerative Medicine”

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Speakers (left to right): Drs. S. Yamanaka, M. Takahashi, H. Okano, T. Takebe

Japan’s Regulatory change allowing cell and gene therapy a path to early conditional approval was another area of high interest and, the new framework is also stimulating partnership activities between regenerative medicine businesses in the US and other countries and Japanese companies. Fujifilm and Cellular Dynamics International, for example, returned to the Forum and discussed their partnership in detail, highlighting the trend.

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; Visiting Professor
- **Dr. Seigo Izumo**, Senior VP & Global Head of Regenerative Medicine Unit, Takeda Pharmaceuticals
- **Dr. Regis Kelly**, Director, California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences (QB3)
- **Dr. Robert Klein**, Chair Emeritus, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
- **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**, Professor, Stanford University & The University of Tokyo
- **Dr. Hideyuki Okano**, Dean & Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, Keio University
- **Dr. Mahendra Rao**, Former Director, NIH Center for Regenerative Medicine
- **Dr. Brock Reeve**, Director, Harvard Stem Cell Institute
- **Dr. Yoshiki Sawa**, Dean & 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)
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