

UKSCB would like to wish you all a happy, successful, and exciting 2016!

➤ **Training course**

The UKSCB is organizing a training course as part of its collaboration with its partners in the EBISC project (www.ebisc.eu/), Roslin Cells and the Sanger Institute. This will be run in conjunction with the annual UK Stem Cell Bank-Harvard Stem Cell Institute reprogramming course. The course is planned to run from 23rd to 25th May 2016 and information can be obtained via the UKSCB enquiries email enquiries@ukstemcellbank.org.uk

➤ **UKSCB Technical Forum: workshop on experiences in gene editing**

The [UKSCB](http://www.ukscb.org/) is running another technical Forum meeting on 26th May 2016 at NIBSC, South Mimms, Herts (www.nibsc.org/). The workshop is open to anyone wishing to share their experiences in the use of gene editing techniques and is run in conjunction with the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and EBISC project. Spaces will be limited so please contact UKSCB enquiries email enquiries@ukstemcellbank.org.uk or call 01707641561.

➤ **EU legislation and genomic data workshop**

In November 2015 the UKSCB organised a workshop hosted by the Department of Health to consider changes now being implemented to the European Directive on Data Protection and the potential impact on research data obtained from human stem cell lines.

➤ **Update on accession of clinical grade cell lines**

The Bank has completed due diligence on a further 6 putative EUTCD cell lines. The EUTCD-Grade cell lines are those that comply with HTA Directions making them suitable for use as starting materials for clinical applications. In all, twenty-one of the thirty-nine cell lines, approved for deposit as EUTCD-Grade by the UK Steering Committee have completed this initial process. The Bank is continuing to undertake this process but, at the behest of the derivation centers, has put in place a planned deviation to allow accession of the EUTCD lines ahead of completion of Due Diligence. This will allow the UK derivation centers who have not yet submitted their due diligence information for review to comply with HTA requirements for off-site storage at an HTA licensed establishment.

The first Master Cell Bank of a Laboratory-grade variant (Mshf2) of an EUTCD-approved cell line (MasterShf 2) has been banked. A Distribution Bank is being prepared, with release of this cell line scheduled for summer 2016. Banking of the first EUTCD-Grade cell line will commence in March 2016.

Further details can be found on the Due Diligence page of the [UKSCB website](http://www.ukscb.org/).