

# Developing stem cell applications:

## What role for the private sector?

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 • 6pm - 8.45pm**

- The Board Room, Paterson's Land, Moray House, St Johns Street, Edinburgh EH8 8AQ

**An opportunity to learn about and reflect on issues raised by the commercial development of stem cell research ... in two paired events:**

Some people are concerned about the role of commercial interests in shaping the development of new applications from stem cell research. Others argue that the costs of developing new technologies cannot be borne solely by the public purse, that private sector players are needed in order to progress promising avenues. What are the appropriate boundaries between public and private sector funding? What should happen about the 'ownership' of stem cell lines that are being commercialised?

This is a unique opportunity for anyone interested in such questions – both members of the public and 'stakeholders' actually involved in developing stem cell technologies – to learn about the processes involved and to reflect on the issues. The event will take place over two evenings so as to allow for more in-depth discussion than in a single meeting.

**All are welcome but places are limited!**

If you would like to attend these events, please contact Lisa Wood (on 0131 650 2451, or [lwood2@staffmail.ed.ac.uk](mailto:lwood2@staffmail.ed.ac.uk)) by ... You will then be sent an information pack.



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