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## **Press Release**

### **Genetics Policy Institute to Present 2007 National Awards at The Stem Cell Summit, Boston**

Washington, DC, September 21, 2007 — The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) will announce its 2007 National Awards at a dinner to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, at Boston's Hynes Convention Center. The awards, recognizing organizations and individuals who have positively impacted the stem cell community, are one component of the annual "Stem Cell Summit" event focused on the future of stem cell research and its potential to advance treatments for millions suffering from devastating medical conditions.

The 2007 honorees are Michael J. Fox, the actor, patient advocate and founder of Cures and Hope USA, a non-partisan, pro-stem cell educational and political advocacy organization dedicated to building nationwide support for embryonic stem cell research (National Advocacy Award); the Parkinson's Action Network (National Achievement Award); The Missouri Coalition for Lifesaving Cures (National Grassroots Advocacy Award); and Dr. Ralph Dittman, a physician who is an active member of the Genetics Policy Institute and creator of *The Stem Cell Primer*, a nine-volume DVD set covering all aspects of stem cell research, from basic science to bioethics, law, patents, business, and advocacy (Patient Advocacy Award).

"The Stem Cell Summit's National Awards honor the people and groups who have made the greatest impact in advancing the cause of stem cell research. Our 2007 honorees

are articulate, courageous and passionate advocates for the advancement of funding for embryonic stem cell research,” said Bernard Siegel, executive director of the Genetics Policy Institute. “GPI is very proud that we can honor these heroes for their effective public advocacy in favor of potentially lifesaving research.”

GPI, the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and Burrill Life Sciences Media Group are hosting the summit. Information on how to register for “The Stem Cell Summit” and the awards dinner can be found at [www.thestemcellsummit.com](http://www.thestemcellsummit.com).

*The Genetics Policy Institute is a leading public interest organization promoting stem cell research. It serves as a unifying voice for patients, researchers, universities and nonprofit and is the principal catalyst for the Pro-Cures Movement. For more information about GPI, visit their website at [www.genpol.org](http://www.genpol.org).*

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