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### **Irish Medicines Board and Parenteral Drug Association Ireland Announce Major Scientific Meeting on Gene, Cell and Tissue Therapies**

The Irish Medicines Board (IMB) and the Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) Ireland Chapter today announced a major two day scientific meeting for Dublin on 10-11 July 2012. The meeting will be on the theme of **Making Gene and Cell Therapy Medicines a Reality**. This scientific gathering will be a satellite event to the EuroScience Open Forum or, ESOF2012, the major European scientific event to be held in Dublin in 2012.

Dr Frank Hallinan (Meeting Chair, PDA) stated that “The focus of the meeting will be very much on discussing the regulatory framework and challenges of translating the exciting basic science discoveries related to molecular and cell biology into novel, commercial gene and cellular therapies. It aims to bring together leading experts from regulatory agencies including the European Medicines Agency, the US FDA and the IMB with expert academic and industrial scientists in this area for a fruitful interaction.”

Mr Pat O’Mahony (Chief Executive, IMB) stated: “As the body responsible on behalf of patients for the regulation of medicines and medical devices in Ireland we welcome the developments in advanced therapy medicines, cell and gene therapy medicines, and tissue engineered products. Regulation of these medicines is complex and involves the European Medicines Agency and national competent authorities in Europe working in harmony and with international experts to pool the best expertise to most effectively regulate these complex therapeutic agents.”

The PDA/IMB **Making Gene and Cell Therapy Medicines a Reality** meeting will take place in The Gibson Hotel, Dublin on 10 and 11 July 2012.

To register to attend, or for any queries regarding the meeting, please email [esofsatelliteconference@imb.ie](mailto:esofsatelliteconference@imb.ie).

Visit [www.dublinscience2012.ie](http://www.dublinscience2012.ie) for more information about ESOF2012.

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### **ABOUT THE IRISH MEDICINES BOARD**

The Irish Medicines Board (IMB) is the competent authority for the licensing of human and veterinary medicines, medical devices, blood, tissues & cells and cosmetics in Ireland. Its role is to protect and enhance public and animal health through the regulation of medicines, medical devices and healthcare products.

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### **ABOUT THE PARENTERAL DRUG ASSOCIATION**

The Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) is the leading global provider of science, technology and regulatory information and education for the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical community. Founded in 1946 as a non-profit organisation, PDA is committed to developing scientifically sound, practical technical information and resources to advance science and regulation through the expertise of its more than 9,500 members worldwide. The PDA Ireland Chapter has been active since 2005.

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