

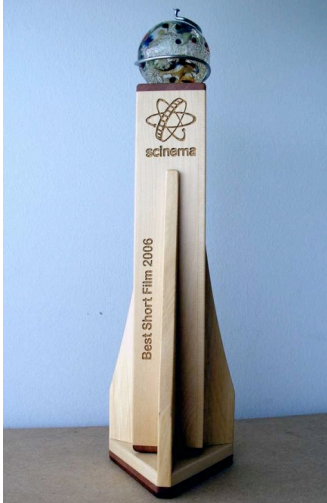
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Stem cell documentary by European researchers wins short film award in Sydney



The SCINEMA best short film trophy

A Stem Cell Story, produced by EU research consortium EuroStemCell, won the award for best short film at SCINEMA 2006, the 6th International Festival of Science Film, in Sydney last month.

45 films from around the world competed for 15 trophies, with the winners selected by a jury of scientists, journalists and film-makers.

Festival director Cris Kennedy said of the top films: “while our Festival celebrates science and the art of science filmmaking, the winning films all share a strong human element.”

“Working with a talented team of filmmakers helped us make the latest scientific advances accessible to a broad general audience”, adds Edinburgh-based stem cell researcher and executive producer of the film, Dr Clare Blackburn.

Already the winner of the best TV/video production at the Tromsø Science Media Festival in June 2006, *A Stem Cell Story* combines hand drawn animation, stunning cell photography and documentary interviews with leading scientists to bring research and medicine to life on screen.

The film has proved popular with teachers and patient organisations. It’s 15 minutes long, is available in six European languages, and can be viewed online or ordered on DVD from www.eurostemcell.org.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

High resolution stills are available on request from kdoherly@eurostemcell.org
The film can be viewed online at http://www.eurostemcell.org/Outreach/Film/film_eng.htm

SCINEMA, Australia’s International Festival of Science Film Video and Multimedia, is a partnership between CSIRO, Cosmos Magazine and the National Museum of Australia.

<http://www.csiro.au/scinema/aboutus/index.html>

“A Stem Cell Story” has also been selected to screen in competition at the Science Film Festival in Bangkok (November 2006).

The film was produced by EuroStemCell, with support from the European Union's Framework 6 programme, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

EuroStemCell is a four-year Integrated Project of the European Union's Sixth Framework Programme, and will receive up to €11.9 million in funding from the EU. It comprises 27 laboratories in 8 European countries. EuroStemCell's mission is to build the scientific foundations required to take stem cell technology to the clinic. Further information on EuroStemCell is available at www.eurostemcell.org

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