



## Not Another Stem Cell Society

Written by Susan Hawes  
(acting President)

The International Society for Stem Cell Research having its 2007 meeting in Cairns provided the necessary impetus to set up a regional stem cell society. Although the idea has been around for many years and had a few false starts. This meeting brought together many local researchers in the one place. It was at this meeting, early on the first day that nearly forty Australian and New Zealand delegates sat around a large oblong table to discuss whether a regional stem cell society was warranted. There are already a lot of established societies whose research crosses most disciplines. The conversations mostly revolved around this issue - should such an organization be part of other established societies or exist on its own? Finally it was overwhelmingly voted in favour and the Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research was born.

It is predominately, a scientific society, with most (but not all) of the organising committee scientists. However, it isn't only the sciences that have expanded over the last decade. The highly charged, discussions about human embryo research, cloning, human enhancement, commodification of body parts and premature stem cell treatments, involve many other disciplines that have developed interests in stem cells. Therefore, the Society decided to encourage general participation, reflective of wider interests in stem cells, with full membership open to ethicists,

sociologists, lawyers or clinicians or really anyone who works in the stem cell field.

Since this initial meeting, around twenty people have periodically met through a video link via the computer access grid network that links various Universities in Australia and New Zealand. This group reflect an egalitarian nature of the society with the scientists working in Universities, Institutes and companies and the non-scientists working in outreach, communication and policy. Geographically, most are based in Melbourne, but committee members are from all over Australia and New Zealand – Auckland, Otago, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Some of the committee are senior scientists in their field, but most are research fellows at differing rungs of the career ladder.

Of course, every Society has to have a catchy logo! So, we held a competition in January, which had twenty-one entrants. All were incredibly inventive and professional designs. Nola Camden, who works with the NSW Stem Cell Network, successfully organized this competition. Seventeen judges, some scientists and others who work in graphic design and marketing, came to the difficult decision of choosing one winner, Donna Tyler, a graphic designer from Melbourne. The winning logo incorporated four cells that move upwards and connect, representing “growth of ideas and interaction”. The four cells are for four regions of Australasia, including outer islands of the Pacific.

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### Editor's Column

Welcome to the first issue of the ASSCR quarterly newsletter. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed of issues relating to the society and to stem cell research within our region. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage members to share their opinions, research successes and ideas. Articles, letters or reports as well as images relating to stem cell research, clinical applications or ethical considerations can be emailed to [info@asscr.org](mailto:info@asscr.org).

In this issue Susan Hawes introduces the Society and describes how it has evolved over the past 16 months. It has been quite a journey. During that time a number of people have given generously of their time and expertise and consequently the society will have its first scientific meeting and AGM in November this year. A significant achievement across States and Countries.

The future of stem cell research holds great promise; we look forward to being part of it and to working with the wider stem cell community in Australia and New Zealand.

Louise Winteringham  
(acting Editor)

## Notice of inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Austral- asian Stem Cell Society

The first ASSCR AGM will be held at 12.30, November 17th at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Any items for the agenda should be emailed to [info@asscr.org](mailto:info@asscr.org) by 10th November. This is your opportunity to participate in a new Society. The Society is a reflection of its members. So, make sure you come to the AGM. At this meeting, Officers to the Committee and normal Committee members will be elected. Student members are encouraged to be nominated onto the committee.

### Call for ASSCR Committee Nominations

A nomination form is included in this newsletter or can be downloaded from the ASSCR website [www.asscr.org](http://www.asscr.org). Please return nomination forms by 24th October. Once nominations have been received, Members will be sent voting forms.

Nominations are requested for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President (President Elect)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications officer
- Regular Committee Members (at least 1 student member)

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## National Centre for Adult Stem Cell Research

The **National Centre for Adult Stem Cell Research** (NCASCR) was established by the Australian Government to investigate the biology of adult stem cells and their application in cell transplantation therapies, disease biology and drug discovery.

Our goal is to understand the biology of adult stem cells and their clinical application for people with spinal cord injury and with brain disorders and diseases such as schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, motor neuron disease and multiple sclerosis. Our novel technology uses stem cells from patients to better understand disease aetiology for new diagnostics and new therapies.

In 2005 Professor Alan Mackay-Sim and his team established that adult stem cells from the nose have similar abilities to embryonic stem cells in being able to differentiate into many different cell types given the right chemical or cellular environment. The work is particularly important because the stem cells derived avoid the ethical and technical difficulties associated with other stem cell sources, including immune rejection.

Recognising the capacity of this research to help position Australia as a world leader in adult stem cell research, in 2006 the Federal Government awarded Professor Mackay-Sim \$22M dollars to establish the **National Centre for Adult Stem Cell Research**.

The ultimate goal is regenerative medicine using the patient's own stem cells for autologous therapies.

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## Research at the Australia Stem Cell Centre

The Australian Stem Cell Centre is Australia's Biotechnology Centre of Excellence. The ASCC has research laboratories located at Monash University and The University of Queensland. These laboratories house the Centre's internal research groups and are supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure and core services including flow cytometry, human embryonic stem cell culture laboratories, training laboratories, animal services and microscopy.

The majority of the research supported by the ASCC is performed in the laboratories of key stem cell biologists across the nation. In total the ASCC directly funds or provides in-kind support to over 200 researchers at eight locations involved in over 20 projects.

This collaborative relationship allows the ASCC to forge multi-disciplinary teams to take innovative approaches towards stem cell research that may translate into therapeutic outcomes.

Detailed information on the ASCC's research portfolio can be found on the Centre's website [www.stemcellcentre.edu.au](http://www.stemcellcentre.edu.au)

## ASSCR at the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress

The first annual meeting for the Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research which will be held November 17th, Brisbane, is part of the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress. The ASSCR's first Annual General Meeting will also be held. Please see page 2 this issue for details.

Invited speakers at the conference include Emmanuel Baetge (Novocell, California); Richard Harvey (Victor Chang Institute); Maurice Curtis (University of Auckland); Naoki Nakayama (Australian Stem Cell Centre); Ian Lewis (Hanson Institute); Sharon Ricardo (Monash University); Julie Lukic (Fertility East); Gary Hime (University of Melbourne).

We are also very excited to announce that in addition to the two symposia ASSCR will host a Forum "Stem Cells in Action: New Directions in Translational Research". This forum will address the various issues associated with clinical trials of new stem cell therapies in our region, including:

- Is the Australia/New Zealand stem cell community fully supportive of clinical trials?
- Is the science ready to translate - stem cells to the clinic?
- What types of stem cells are currently being used in clinical trials?
- Are the regulatory guidelines on par with the current translational research?
- With expectations being high, are patients being adequately informed?

Participants include: Bernie Tuch (Prince of Wales Transplant Unit), Ed Baetge (Novocell), Ian Lewis (Hanson Institute), Alan McKay-Sim (Griffith Uni), Kerry Atkinson (Mater Medical Research Institute, Queensland), Silviu Itescu (Mesoblast), Peta O'Connell (Therapeutic Goods Administration, Australia) and Megan Munsie (ASCC).

We look forward to your participation.

## In the news:

### Stem Cell Awareness Day

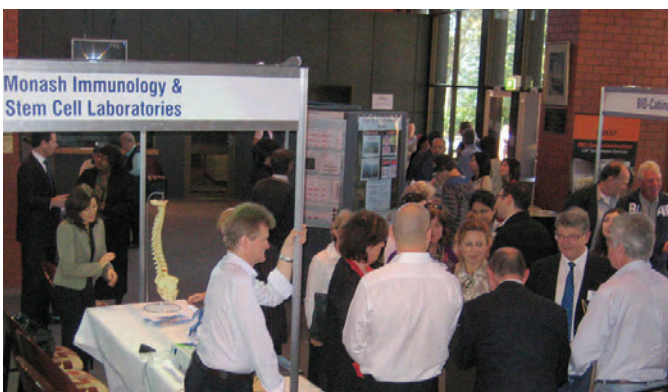
Written by Anna Michalska

Stem Cell Awareness Day was organized by Monash Immunology & Stem Cell Laboratories (MISCL) on Thursday 25 September 2008. This free, open event took place at the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University and attracted close to 500 registrants, including general public, students, patients and their carers, and patient advocacy groups. The event received state and national-wide media coverage from both, press and television.

The aim of the Stem Cell Awareness Day was to provide a greater understanding about all aspects of both embryonic and adult stem cell research, and the range of potential of stem cells' therapeutic applications.

The official opening of the day by the Victorian Minister for Innovation, Gavin Jennings was followed by the video link with the Californian Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), the world's largest granting organization for stem cell research.

Two sessions, morning and afternoon, consisted of a number of presentations by stem cell experts, including scientists, clinicians, politicians and patients, and covered the current state of stem cell science, ethics, law and potential clinical applications. The forum's participants had ample opportunity for an accessible and lay-level discussion with leading stem cell researchers and



**The MISCL booth and animated discussion at the Stem Cell Awareness Day at Monash.**

### ASSCR Lobbies Victorian MP's

The ASSCR lobbied Victorian Members of Parliament to urge them to vote in favour of the two new bills for regulation of human embryo research, and cloning. To read the ASSCR submission see [www.asscr.org](http://www.asscr.org).

### Up-coming conference: Australian Stem Cells - Biology and Clinical Applications



**South Bank—Brisbane City.**

The National Centre for Adult Stem Cell Research will present the first Adult Stem Cell – Biology and Clinical Applications Conference from the 26-28 November 2008 at the Ian Hanger Recital Hall, Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Griffith University. The conference will bring together world leaders working with adult stem cells both through understanding their basic biology to exploring their clinical value and therapeutic potential for the treatment of such conditions as parkinson's disease, schizophrenia, spinal cord injury and Burns. Speakers include world leaders in their fields such as Professor Hideyuki Okano (Keio University, Japan), Professor Eva Sykova (Institute of Experimental Medicine, Czechoslovakia), Professor Brent Reynolds (University of Florida, United States of America), Professors Mari Dezawa and Koiji Nishida (Tohoku University, Japan), Professor Winston Hide (Harvard University, United States of America), Dr Kirsty Spalding (Karolinska Institute, Sweden), Professor Stefano Pluchino (San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Italy), Professor Iver Langmoen (University of Oslo, Norway).

Former Australian of the Year and Director of the Western Australian Burns Service Dr Fiona Wood will open the conference and give the plenary lecture. A series of oral presentations will work towards deepening understanding of adult stem cells and the variety of therapeutic benefits they offer.

For the conference program, see:

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/science/national-centre-adult-stem-cell-research/news-and-events/program-events>

**Submission Date for Abstracts: Friday 30/10/08**

**Registrations Close: Monday 17/11/08**

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They are placed within a circular microscope lens, depicting education. However, the objective microscope lens could denote casting a gaze, focused on the stem cell community. Donna feels the colour blue is reminiscent of oceans, which are fluid, a metaphor for the fluidity of ideas and knowledge. Metallic silver shows the strength of an organization.

Many people continue to ask me, why are you guys setting up a stem cell society? What is the point? A Society involves many different aspects and people participate and join for a number of reasons. For me, stem cell research in our region seems polarized and highly political. Yet, the reality is that most scientists carry out their research without publicity or kudos, often struggling to obtain recognition and funding. A Society provides a forum for all stem cell researchers to network, present their work at meetings, and socialise. This will also allow for different disciplines with similar interests to interact.

The Society has organised its first meeting to be held as part of the Australian Health and Medical Congress (November 17<sup>th</sup> in Brisbane). The invited speakers are scientists recognised as experts in the various aspects of stem cell science and related areas of interest. It is a pity, as one day is not enough to represent the many distinguished Australian and New Zealand stem cell scientists. Also, a regrettable omission is that we do not have speakers from non-scientific disciplines on the programme. Nevertheless, we have fifty-four abstracts submitted to display as posters and to lubricate discussions there will be drinks during the poster session. Then we encourage everyone to move to a nearby restaurant. If finances permit, a Society can offer funding to attend meetings. This year, due to our Sponsors and growing membership, we are able to give four registrants some funds to assist with costs of attending the conference. Again, if finances permit, a Society may even host smaller and more focused meetings to bring together researchers with similar interests. This may be possible in the next few years.

A Society can facilitate outreach. To this aim, the forum Stem Cells In Action will be part of our meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, to discuss where New Zealand and Australia are situated with regards to the translation of some stem cell research. This discussion may reveal what clinical trials are current. It will also give scientists an opportunity to discuss their research more

broadly and potential clinical applications. We have also encouraged anyone interested to attend, to foster interaction between scientists and the community. Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research often mentions a requirement for scientists to speak about their research with the broader community, their sponsors - something societies can promote.

The way this Society develops is fully dependant on its members. Like a stem cell, a newly formed tabula rasa Society will be directed into different avenues, possibly morphing into a new entity, depending on its needs and those of stem cell research in Australia and New Zealand. Some of this research has spawned legislation, often leading to highly public and polarized, emotional debates. A Society could decide to become involved in this process, encouraging informed discussions or as a lobby group, to ensure legislation permissive to research.

One of the concerns for stem cell researchers is what funding is available. Although, not restricted to stem cell research, the thorny issue of miniscule funding could also be something a Society tackles. The Australian Government has given some funding initiatives for stem cells research, foremost being the \$98 million towards a Biotechnology Centre of Excellence, which established and supported the Australian Stem Cell Centre since 2002<sup>1</sup>. The Victorian Government also contributed funds to this venture. The Howard Government also gave \$22 million to set up the National Centre for Adult Stem Cell Research, along with funds from the Queensland Government<sup>2</sup>. The Victorian Government has provided set-up money for the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute and the Australian Tissue Engineering Centre. The Queensland, New South Wales and Victorian Governments have offered smaller grants in the very specialised area of making human pluripotent cells from cloned embryos or through induced pluripotent stem (ips) cell technology. Despite this and given the scientific and social needs, it is hard for local stem cell scientists to compete with those in other countries such as Japan, China and America who allocate billions of dollars. Most stem cell scientists struggle for short-term funding through Government agencies, both in Australia and New Zealand.

The important point is that, there are many issues a Society can be involved with.

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It will be Society members who decide what the ASSCR becomes and what it achieves. Critically, the larger the membership, the more things such a Society can achieve.

Finally and importantly, a Society can provide measured and reasoned information about stem cell research and its implications for the general public. The stem cell landscape in Australia, and most likely New Zealand (although I don't read NZ newspapers) gives the impression that stem cells research involves only one thing - all stem cells are by and large the same and these cells are a 'Holy Grail' for medical therapies, sometime in the near (ish) future. Newspapers and television focus on stem cell therapies and potential cures. Often portrayed with a mind-set that the scientific solutions are obvious and making cells for therapies straightforward: take a cell, add one or two factors then a transplantable cell will be ready-made.

The reality is that scientific discoveries do not always arise from setting such focused goals. In fact, the influential experiments that have led to stem cells almost being a Twenty First Century cultural icon imbued with expectation and hope, were done long before stem cells were first identified. In 1907, Ross Harrison grew tissue for weeks outside the body and then Alexis Carrel extended this to develop our methods for tissue culture. Further, Robert Briggs and Thomas King, or John Gurdon six years later, were not thinking about cell replacement therapies, when they devised their frog nuclear transfer experiments. Their interests were about cell determination; do our body cells retain an embryonic mind-set when we are adults or are they fixed? However, these experiments and more recently, Keith Campbell and colleagues experiment that resulted in the birth of the cloned sheep Dolly provide a basis to pursue the possibility that our body cells will be a source of expandable stem cells as replacement body parts.

Most likely, when Jamie Thomson and colleagues showed embryonic stem cells could be isolated from human embryos, they forged this new scientific landscape where developing the right cells in a culture dish became a focus.

However, stem cell research is both complex and extremely broad. Although an extremely important area, cell therapy is one part of stem cell research, which includes studies of cellular regeneration from flat-

worms to injured or aged humans. Embryology and germ cell biology also encompass stem cell research. Certain cancers seem to arise from stem cells. Other disciplines involved include bio-engineers, and tissue engineering as well as immunology. It will be many scientific disciplines that will provide new discoveries and the basis for future research areas along with potential clinical treatments or innovations.

Since the sixties, when Ernst McCulloh and James Till definitively showed stem cells existed in bone marrow, extensive research on stem cells has resulted in greater understanding, knowledge and technical developments. However, there is still a lot to understand. When Eric Cartman visited a stem cell laboratory in a South Park episode he asked the stem cell scientist: "Dr, can you tell me how stem cells work?"

Dr: "Well you have trillions of cells in your body. But before a cell is designated as a toenail or pancreas cell, it is what we call a stem cell, kind of like a blank cell. Do you understand?"

Cartman: "Not at all".<sup>3</sup>

Science can provide answers, yet often uncovers more scientific questions and avenues for research. It is hard to predict where discoveries will arise.

What makes a cell a 'blank slate'? How can only a few factors re-set a skin cell making it behave similarly to embryonic cells? How do cells develop their identity? How are adult tissue stem cells formed and retained in our body? Do some cancers develop from stem cells? Can we identify them? Does our immune system acknowledge them? To start with just a few!

A grass roots society working for stem cell professionals in Australia and New Zealand that provides ways for scientists to interact, to develop better understanding of stem cells and potential medical applications, as well, that incorporates non-scientists and links with the general community has to be a worthy endeavour.

<sup>1</sup>Australian Stem Cell Centre web-page [www.stemcellcentre.edu.au](http://www.stemcellcentre.edu.au), viewed 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008

<sup>2</sup><http://www.griffith.edu.au/science/national-centre-adult-stem-cell-research>, viewed 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008

<sup>3</sup><http://www.southparkstudios.com/clips/153150>, viewed 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008

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## Meet the Steering Committee



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Monash Immunology & Stem Cell Laboratories.

Research interests: human embryonic stem cell differentiation into endodermal and liver cells.



**Juliana Lamoury, PhD, (acting treasurer), The University of New South Wales**

Centre for Immunology St Vincent's Clinical School.

Research Interests: the potential of bone marrow- and brain-derived stem cells for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, such as multiple sclerosis.



**Sharon Clark, PhD, (acting secretary; conference co-ordinator), The University of Queensland**

Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology .

Research interests: Biology: stem cell - ECM interactions in maintenance and differentiation of stem cells. Tissue Engineering: development of biomimetic surfaces for tissue regeneration and replacement.



**Louise Winteringham, PhD, (acting newsletter editor), The University of Western Australia**

Western Australian Institute for Medical Research.

Research Interests: molecular pathways involved in haemopoietic lineage commitment and development and progression of leukemia.



**Professor George Yeoh, The University of Western Australia**

Professor of Biochemistry & Associate Dean for Research in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

Research interests: the role of liver progenitor cells in liver regeneration and liver cancer .



**Anna Michalska, PhD, Monash University**

Monash Immunology & Stem Cell Laboratories.

Research interests: derivation, characterization, differentiation and potential clinical application of human embryonic stem cells and human amnion epithelial cells.



**Professor Graham Jenkin, Monash University**

Deputy Director, Monash Immunology & Stem Cell Laboratories.

Research interests: stem cell and amnion epithelial cell engraftment and differentiation and their therapeutic potential in adult and neonatal respiratory and spinal disc repair.



**Associate Professor Sharon Ricardo, Monash University, Australian Stem Cell Centre**

Monash Immunology & Stem Cell Laboratories.

Research interests: development of new adult stem cell- based therapies that may offer alternatives for patients undergoing kidney transplantation and long-term dialysis.



**Professor Bernie Tuch, Prince of Wales Hospital**

Director, Diabetes Transplant Unit; Staff Specialist, Department of Endocrinology.

Director NSW Stem Cell Network.



**Paul Bello, PhD, Stem Cell Sciences**

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Dr Bello heads SCS' Melbourne Research Centre, and is responsible for operations, assessing future research development and collaborations in Australasia, while also contributing to the Company's international research efforts as a member of the Business and Scientific Strategy group.

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**Andrew Prowse, PhD, The University of Queensland**

The Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology.

Research interests: optimising human embryonic stem cell growth conditions.

**Peter Dallas, PhD, The University of Western Australia**

Telethon Institute for Child Health Research.

Research interests: paediatric brain tumours, medulloblastoma, stem cells and neural stem cells.

**Paul Verma, PhD, Monash University**

Monash Institute of Medical Research.

Research interests: reprogramming somatic cells, isolation and characterization of embryonic and adult stem cells.

**Rebecca Skinner, Australian Stem Cell Centre**

Director of Public Affairs and International Affairs.

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**Faten Zaibak, PhD, The University of Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospital**

Cord Blood Stem Cell Research Laboratory, Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

Research interests: Cord blood banking, improving cell collection, processing and cryopreservation of multi-lineage stem cells and endodermal differentiation of stem cells, validation for treatment of lung disease.

**Nola Camden, Manager**

NSW Stem Cell Network, Sydney, Australia.

**Ayan Dasvarma, PhD, The Australian Stem Cell Centre**

Research Interests: growth of stem and other cells on various biological and biosynthetic matrices, generation of novel therapies for tissue damage and other conditions.

**Richard Mollard, MBA, PhD, Monash University**

Developing World market entry strategies for international and domestic start-up companies in stem cell translational medicine. Richard also leads research programs in respiratory, developmental and stem cell molecular biology at Monash University.

**Mirella Dottori, PhD, The University of Melbourne**

Centre for Neuroscience and Dept of Pharmacology.

Research interests: neural stem cells and progenitors derived from human embryonic stem cells.

**Gary Brook, PhD, The University of Queensland**

Mater Medical research Institute.

Research interests: cell biology of multipotent mesenchymal cells and the development of *in vivo* models to explore the therapeutic potential of MSC in the repair of tissue damage.

**Ursula Manuelpillai, PhD, Monash University**

Monash Institute of Medical Research.

Research interests: defining the role of endogenous opioids in early pregnancy and investigation of stem cell like properties of amnion epithelial cells isolated from human placenta.



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**THE AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH  
NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

The newly formed ASSCR requests nominations for all committee positions. The Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting as set out in the Rules of the Association which can be viewed at [www.asscr.org](http://www.asscr.org). The Annual General Meeting will be held at 12.30 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

If you wish to nominate someone for one of the positions on the ASSCR Committee please complete the form and email to [info@asscr.org](mailto:info@asscr.org) by 4.00pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

**Nominations received after this date will not be considered.**

**NOMINATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

**(Positions will be from 1-2 years)**

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**Candidate information**

**Name :**

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**Has the candidate agreed to this nomination**

**YES / NO**

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