

## CHRONICLE AND INFORMATION

**V International Meeting****«Early Events in Human Pathologies»****Foreword**

The meeting «Early Events in Human Pathologies» in Listvyanka, Baikal (Irkutsk, Russian Federation) on July 9–12, 2012 will join together French, Ukrainian, Armenian and Russian scientists working on molecular biology of cancer, neurodegenerative and autoimmune diseases. This is the fifth of a series of very successful scientific conferences. The previous ones were held in Moscow, Russian Federation (2007), Kiev, Ukraine (2009), Barbizon, France (2010) and Erevan, Republic of Armenia (2011). One of the main directions of fundamental research in medicine concerns the study of a variety of diseases where the chance to discover successful treatments will only depend on our capability to detect and understand early mechanisms that precede the clinical stage before the symptoms appear. Early diagnostic thus represents one of the most important challenges of translational medicine and is particularly critical for success in patient caring and to make innovative proposal to develop new drugs and preventive approaches. Interestingly, some early mechanisms seem to be similar in cancer, autoimmune and neurodegenerative diseases, e. g. mutations of DNA repair and immunoglobulin genes. Therefore an efficient cooperation between forefront teams and laboratories from different countries on these subjects should provide new insights way of thinking and ideas to foster discovery. In line with these concerns, the Listvyanka meeting includes various topics and methodologies to better understand molecular mechanisms that underline early event of diseases, namely, nuclear and genome organization, DNA damage, in the context of cancer, autoimmune and neurodegenerative diseases. In addition, to be a successful exchange platform for senior researchers, this series of meetings represents an attractive opportunity for young scientists to present their works as oral communication and posters. This is again the case in Listvyanka. Finally, the quality of the meeting and ongoing collaboration are reflected in the articles and abstracts published in «Biopolymers and Cell». We would like here to thank separately the «Biopolymers and Cell» journal and Dr IrynaTykhonkova for their constant support. Our special thanks are also for the local Organizing Committee of this GDRI meeting 2012 in Siberia, namely Pr. Olga Lavrik and Dr. Natalia Lebedeva for their excellent organization of the meeting and their warm welcome in this unique country and land.

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