Editorial

On March 13 and 14, 2003, scientists and physicians from many countries met in Lyon on the occasion of the Sixth International Symposium on In Utero Stem Cell Transplantation and Gene Therapy¹.

This meeting, which was organized by the Fondation Mérieux, offered a fruitful opportunity to share experience and recent information on basic science and clinical data in the field of fetal therapy using stem cell transplants or gene therapy. In addition, the ethical questions raised in the various countries and the optimal conditions for stem cell 'banking' were discussed.

Because of potential interest to most fetologists, several papers from this symposium will be published in some issues of this Journal. It is my hope that they will stimulate further research, discussion and progress in this most promising therapeutic field.

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