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- [Staff Scientist Hired](#)

We would like to welcome our newest staff member, Dr. Duncan MacLaren. Dr. MacLaren has completed his first week of work at Alcor and is diving energetically into our research.

Duncan has long been interested in curing aging. His life since 1980 has involved developing tools to find out how humans work, and he has studied several sciences from physics and chemistry to the whole- person biological level. Until recently he was focused on reversing aging and has had some success there; but due to a near death experience in his family, he has shifted his focus to cryonics, so that once the anti- aging field has matured, we can restore our patients to healthy, youthful life.

Duncan has Bachelor's degrees in Chemistry, Biochemistry-Biophysics, Chemical Engineering, Mathematics, and English from Oregon State University. In 1996 he received a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from UCLA while in the laboratory of Steven Clarke. He co-founded Vivogen in 2000, a company focused on gerontology research and genetic testing.

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Marcelon "Marce" Johnson is a longtime cryonics activist who started her involvement at age 35 in 1964, before the term "cryonics" had even been coined. Over many years she gave generously of her time, any funds she could spare, and showed her unwavering loyalty.

The Society for Venturism has raised \$14,000 of the \$35,000 needed for Ms Johnson's cryopreservation at the Cryonics Institute.

Click here to learn more about [Marce Johnson](#) or to contribute to her cryopreservation fund.

- [2007 Training Session in the United Kingdom](#)

On May 5th-7th, Tanya Jones Alcor's Chief Operating Officer, will be in the United Kingdom to instruct people interested in learning about or joining the emergency first response team in the United Kingdom. There will be presentations of the emergency techniques and procedures employed by Alcor's first responders and mannequins will be provided for hands-on practice.

This is also a great opportunity to just observe a training session and meet other Alcor members and supporters.

- [7th Alcor Conference at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort](#)

The 7th Alcor Conference, from October 5-7, 2007, will be held at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort. Early bird registration will open in a few weeks.

An exciting array of speakers have been confirmed, including:

- Steve Bridge - Aubrey de Grey, Ph.D. - Steven Harris, M.D. - Chris Heward, Ph.D. - Calvin Mercer, Ph.D. - Ralph Merkle, Ph.D. - Christine Peterson - Michael West, Ph.D. - Brian Wowk, Ph.D.

Read about their talks [here](#). And watch for upcoming registration announcements.

- [Alcor 2006 Conference DVD Set](#)

For a limited time, pre-order the 2006 Alcor Conference DVD set at 25% off regular price.

Your DVD set includes these conference presentations:

- Brian Wowk, PhD: The Cryobiological Basis of Cryonics
- Ralph Merkle, PhD: Nanotechnology and Cryonics

- Robert A. Freitas Jr., JD: Nanomedicine: The Path Forward
- Aubrey de Grey, PhD: SENS: A Precursor to Cryonics Revival Cryonics Public Policy Panel
- And More!

Plus, candid interviews of conference attendees and a guided tour of the Alcor facility. [Order the 2006 Conference DVD Set.](#)

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There was discussion of the following topics:

- Duncan MacLaren has accepted the position of Staff Scientist.
- Joel Anderson is a contractor currently working on getting LabVIEW online for Alcor. LabVIEW is a computer programming language for instrument control and data acquisition, and is being used for automating our new advanced cryoprotective perfusion system.
- On April 5, 2007, Alcor cryopreserved its 76th patient.

For more information on this case and the remaining Board meeting results, please click [here](#).

- [Next Board Meeting](#)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007, at 11:00 AM (PST). Board meetings are typically held on the first Saturday of the month at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- [Alcor News Blog](#)

Don't forget that you don't have to wait for this monthly newsletter to learn more about happenings at Alcor. Check the Alcor News Blog throughout the month for the most up-to-date information.

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