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- [Thank You for Making the 7th Alcor Conference a Success!](#)

We hope all our conference attendees enjoyed the 7th Alcor Conference, from the lively discussions to the food selections, sleeping rooms, and beautiful Arizona weather. The event could not have been a success without our attendees, and so we thank them all for supporting our mission!

The 7th Alcor Conference DVD set is still in production, but it can be ordered now for only \$39.95 plus shipping - a special sale price only available for a limited time. [Order yours now](#) to receive this 20% discount.

Anyone interested in reading more about the conference is encouraged to view these blogs:

[Frontier Channel](#)
[People Database Project](#)
[Fight Aging](#)
[TechNewsWorld](#)

We hope to see everyone at the 8th Alcor Conference!

- [7th Alcor Conference, Sunday Morning Sessions](#)

Special Guest Writers: John Schloendorn & Simone Syed

Sunday began with a panel discussion about the ethics of

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life and death, the relationship between cryonics and critical care medicine, and about the definition of death, which has profound implications for cryonics. The panelists were critical care physician David Crippen, Alcor COO Tanya Jones, and bioethicist Leslie Whetstine. Next, Steven Harris, MD introduced his perfluorocarbon-based rapid body cooling system, which has applications in cryonics and emergency medicine. Calvin Mercer, PhD addressed the relationship between religion and life extension practices, such as cryonics. Christine Petersen then provided a survey of existing life extension technologies, and, finally, Chris Heward, PhD wrapped up with an in-depth account of the aging measurement experiment being conducted at Kronos Science Laboratory.

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The afternoon session featured several illustrious speakers from the fields of nanotechnology and stem cell research, which would seem indispensable for successful revival from cryopreservation. The session began with an introduction to molecular nanotechnology from Ralph Merkle, PhD, which may one day allow us to rebuild damaged structures molecule-by-molecule. Mike West, PhD of Advanced Cell Technology discussed how one day we may be able to reassemble lost human tissues and organs cell-by-cell. Finally, Aubrey de Grey, PhD, most well-known for his Strategies for Engineered Negligible Senescence (SENS), a strategy to cure human aging by repairing the damage it does to the human body, provided an intriguing account of whether it is politically safe for a biologist to support cryonics publicly. Speaking from his own experience, Aubrey's conclusion is no, it is not safe at all, but hiding it is a lot more dangerous!

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The 7th Alcor conference was held from Friday, October 5th to Sunday, October 7th in the Hilton Scottsdale Resort. The venue featured a level of luxury greater than a dewar, to say the least. Friday evening began with a reception on the Hilton patio with light drinks and food. Also on Friday, Alcor public policy consultant Barry Aarons gave an introductory speech summarizing the recent progress of Alcor's status as a research entity in Arizona. Indeed, within only four years, Alcor has progressed from being

existentially threatened by the state government, to being perceived as an accepted research and technology institute furthering the public good. We are all grateful to Barry and the Alcor leadership for their excellent public relations work that made this possible. The next step should be to strengthen Alcor's relations with other leading biotechnology institutions in Arizona and to begin collaborations with efforts like the Biodesign Institute in Tempe, or the Bio5 in Tucson. In the long term, this should establish Alcor as an indispensable part of Arizona's sprawling academic and industrial biotechnology network.

[Saturday morning's sessions](#)

- CR Society Conference

The fifth CR Society Conference will be held at Sunset Station in San Antonio, TX. The Conference will run from Wednesday November 7 through Sunday November 11, 2007. The Conference will open with a welcoming reception/registration on Wednesday evening November 7 starting at 6:30 pm. The presentations will start Thursday November 8 at 9:00 am and end Sunday November 11 at 11:00 am.

[The Conference webpage](#)

- Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ) at 11:00 AM (PST). 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.

[Alcor News Blog](#)

- Alcor United

Alcor members have a forum where they can meet and chat with other members. Get to know other cryonics supporters in your area and around the world by visiting Alcor United: www.alcorunited.org

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