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### UMB Scientists Participate in 2009 World Stem Cell Summit

Scientists from the [University of Maryland School of Medicine](#) helped kick-off the World Stem Cell Summit in Baltimore on Monday, September 21, with a program called "Stem Cell Science and Medicine 101."

The program was designed to educate community members - including a group of nearly 40 Baltimore high school students - about the science of stem cells and their potential for medical breakthroughs.

The students saw about 240 scientific posters on display at the Baltimore Convention Center and heard lectures presented by **Curt Civin, MD** - co-chair of the summit - and **Larry Anderson, PhD**.

Throughout Monday's activities, the students from the Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy in West Baltimore were accompanied by teachers and representatives from the School of Medicine. The school and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) have an ongoing partnership.

**University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil**, spoke at the welcoming ceremonies on behalf of Chancellor William "Brit" Kirwan, PhD, who was unable to attend. He also introduced Governor Martin O'Malley for his welcoming remarks.



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At the Summit, the State of Maryland and the State of California entered into a formal stem cell research collaboration agreement to make it easier for researchers in California and Maryland to collaborate and obtain joint funding to facilitate groundbreaking stem cell research.

The governor witnessed the signing of the agreement and provided remarks.

**Karen Rothenberg, JD**, the Marjorie Cook professor of law at the [University of Maryland Law School](#) and the chair of The Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission, also was a speaker at the Summit and participated in the Maryland/California signing ceremony.

The Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission hosted the second annual Maryland Stem Cell Symposium at the 2009 World Stem Cell Summit.

The symposium allows Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund awardees to present notable findings in stem cell research.

Posters and presentations from over 80 Maryland-supported stem cell scientists, including many from the University of Maryland, will continue through Wednesday when the conference ends.

The web site for the 2009 World Stem Cell Summit is <http://worldstemcellsummit.com>.

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