



Cédric Blanpain is being given the International Society of Stem Cell Research's 2023 Momentum Award.

Research

Cédric Blanpain, Professor, WELBIO investigator and director of the laboratory of Stem Cells and Cancer of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) has been given the 2022 Momentum Award by the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR). This is the first time that such a prestigious award is being given to a researcher working in Europe.

The ISSCR says that « The ISSCR Momentum Award recognizes the exceptional achievements of an investigator whose innovative research has established a major area of stem cell-related research with a strong trajectory for future success ».

« I am so grateful to the past and present members of my lab, PhD students, postdocs, and technicians that performed all the work that is awarded today and to all the other stem cell researchers that inspired my work every day. I am so happy to receive this award from the ISSCR as I have now been working and dreaming about stem cell biology for more than two decades. Stem cell research is a such vibrant, creative, innovative, and cross-fertilizing field. I am so lucky to be part of this field. This award will motivate and stimulate me to continue to restlessly search the answers for the outstanding questions in the field and hopefully still discover novel findings that will eventually be useful for the patients in clinics” said Cédric Blanpain.

Cédric Blanpain uses multidisciplinary and quantitative approaches to study the role of stem cells during development, homeostasis and cancer. His group uncovered the stem cell dynamic acting during development, homeostasis, and repair of the epidermis and uncovered a novel paradigm of lineage segregation in the mammary gland and prostate. His lab was pioneered in the identification of cellular origin of skin and breast cancers. His lab developed novel approaches to unravel the mechanisms regulating the tumor states responsible for tumor growth, metastasis and resistance to anti-cancer therapy.

Professor, Director of the laboratory of Stem Cells and Cancer at the Medicine Faculty and ULB-Cancer Research Center, Université libre de Bruxelles, Cédric Blanpain is also three times winner of an ERC (European Research Council) grant and winner of the 2020 Francqui-Collen Prize.

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The award will be given at the Annual Meeting of the ISSCR in Boston in June 2023 and Cédric Blanpain will give a featured lecture during a plenary session.

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