One of the best citizen and scientist environments can be experienced at the World Stem Cell Summit. I love this conference because citizens and scientists share knowledge even in direct opposition to the stance one party decides to take, however as the conference continues communication and shared knowledge are born. Scientists and patients alike share their victories and struggles. They learn together and their mandate is connect collaborate and cure.

ThinkWell and Clinical Trials With You

We are working on a platform where the Public can do clinical trials on areas of interest to them. You will be able to prioritize research, design studies, work with others to find research others have done and participate and analyze the research, you can build it we will help! ThinkWell did a chocolate research lecture where we all participated, yum! Until our platform is ready it could be good to look at other fields like the creative ways people are learning together as
Cell Science Citizens and having fun.

**Let it Grow**

This CIRM student video is fun and beautiful with that intensity that comes when people bond together because they are intensely interested in their work and its future. These students are convinced stem cells are cell science that matters. Their motto is *Turning Stem Cells Into Cures* and this link will lead you to great information and education about stem cells and regenerative medicine hopes for the future and what is in process right now and ready for clinical use.

**After ALS and the Ice Bucket Challenge**

Did you do the ice bucket challenge? After the challenge their is work to do and funding to maintain in order to find solutions for those with ALS. Here we see what the ALS ice bucket challenge can help raise money for and on how ALS causes problems. It also shows that research is a slower process than any of would want in the face of a disease with no cure.

**Bio Reactors and How they Can Help Cells Stay Safe**

The next video tells us about bio reactors and their future use in clinical medicine. This is important because as they say in real estate location matters and in this video you will see why. Learning about what works and separating hope from hype is important as a Cell Science Citizen.

Emily the video creator described her video this way:
I created this video in collaboration with Dr. Elizabeth Csaszar, Development Scientist at CCRM, to show how cell culture with bioreactors is an essential step on the road towards commercializing regenerative medicine therapies. I believe this to be an accessible video that accurately and effectively explains the bioreactor’s role in the future of regenerative medicine and because there are no other comparable videos on cell culture with bioreactors, it is a useful education tool as well. For more video prize winners by scientists, students Cell Science Citizens. They are having fun, visit Professor Paul Knoepfler’s stem cell blog

Citizen Science to Try

After all this inspiration you may want to do some citizen science yourself. It is easier than you think and you will contribute to changing the world! Zooniverse has projects for cells, the universe, animals, and much more

Perhaps you would like to experiment in the world of neuroscience? Try the Eyewire where the power of humanity is working with machines to map the brain!

Keep tuned for projects you can be part of as we launch ThinkWell projects where citizens are at the heart of research and their voices are heard.