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Dr. Marina Polonska
Slovak Placental Haematopoetic Stem Cell Registry
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Dear Dr. Polonska:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Slovak Placental Haematopoetic Stem Cell Registry has been accepted for membership in the International NetCord Foundation.

Your application was reviewed by our Borad of Directors at its December meeting and was unanimously accepted.

Because the Slovak Placental Haematopoetic Stem Cell Registry is currently not FACT-accredited, you will not have a voting representative on the foundation's Board of Directors. However, your bank is encouraged to attend and participate in all Board meetings. Upcoming meetings of the directors will be held in conjunction the EBMT annual meeting in Göteborg, Sweden and the American Society of Hematology annual meeting in December in New Orleans, Louisiana.

At your early convenience, please send to Alan Leahigh, our managing director, the name of your representative to NetCord. All official communications will then be sent through that individual.

In the coming weeks and months, you may have questions about NetCord and your membership, and I hope that you won't hesitate to ask them of me or our administrative office.

On behalf of the members of NetCord, I again welcome you and your colleagues into our organization. We look forward to your active participation and as we work together to advance the field of cord blood banking.

Very sincerely yours,

Joan Garcia, M.D.
President