



Center for Genomics and Systems Biology X

NYU ABU DHABI SAADIYAT CAMPUS

Institute Conference Center, A6

February 17-19, 2020

Monday February 17, 2020		
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Coffee	
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Welcoming Remarks	
	Fabio Piano, Provost NYUAD	
9:15 AM - 12:30 PM	PANEL I: Biodiversity	
	Chair: Stephane Boissinot, NYUAD	
9:15 - 9:45 AM	What drives the dependence of human germline mutation rates on	
	age, sex and time?	
	Molly Przeworski, Columbia University	
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Genetic variation in multigenerational phenotypes in C. elegans	
	Marie-Anne Félix, Institut de Biologie de l'École Normale Supérieure	
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Break & Refreshments	
10:45 - 11:15 AM	Bigger is different: the role of genome size in plant adaptation	
	Jeff Ross-Ibarra, University of California, Davis	
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Spatiotemporal genome evolution in Asian rice domestication	
	revealed by machine learning	
	Takashi Gojobori, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology	
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Understanding the history of French grapevine varieties using ancient	
	DNA	
	Nathan Wales, University of York	
12:15 - 12:30 PM	Flash Talks for Poster Session I	
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Tour of ERB Labs	

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	PANEL II: Food Security
	Chair: Hala Fahs, NYUAD
2:00 - 2:30 PM	Sustainable, climate-smart agriculture in marginal environments
	Seta Tutundjian, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Harnessing nature for best-practice crop protection
	Roma Gwynn, Rationale Biopesticide Strategists
3:00 - 3:30 PM	The golden death bacillus Chryseobacterium nematophagum;
	a novel matrix digesting pathogen of nematodes
	Tony Page, University of Glasgow
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Break & Refreshments
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Turning a root inside out
	Siobhan Brady, University of California, Davis
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Insights into the Genome of Chlamydotis macqueenii
	Khaled Amiri, United Arab Emirates University & Khalifa Center for
	Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Poster Session I & Vendor Exhibition
	A6 – Room 001B/C
6:30 - 8:00 PM	Public Program
	mTOR signaling in growth and metabolism
	Michael Hall, Biozentrum University of Basel
	*Immediately followed by a public reception

Tuesday February 18, 2020		
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Registration & Coffee	
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	PANEL III: Chemical and Functional Genomics	
	Chair: Kristin Gunsalus, NYU & NYUAD	
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Decoding animal development at single cell resolution	
	John Murray, University of Pennsylvania	
9:30 - 10:00 AM	A twist of (cell) fate: cellular reprogramming during plant	
	regeneration	
	Kenneth Birnbaum, New York University	
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Break & Refreshments	
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Cell phenotyping for regenerative and precision medicine	

	Davide Danovi, King's College London
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Life beyond the pixels: image analysis and machine learning methods
	for personalized cancer research
	Peter Horvath, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
11:30 - 11:45 AM	Coffee
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Keynote Lecture
	Systematic genetic perturbation screens to map biological networks
	By Invitation Only
	Brenda Andrews, University of Toronto
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Lunch Discussion with Science Editors: Laura Zahn (Science)
	& Di Jiang (PLOS Biology)
	Hosted by: Youssef Idaghdour, NYUAD
	A6 – Room 001A
2:00 PM	Free afternoon

Wednesday February 19, 2020		
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Coffee	
9:00 AM - 12:15 PM	PANEL IV: Neuronal Systems	
	Chair: Claude Desplan, NYU & NYUAD	
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Human-specific genetic modifiers of cortical circuit function	
	Franck Polleux, Columbia University	
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Deciphering enhancer logic using single-cell regulatory genomics	
	Stein Aerts, VIB-KU Leuven Center for Brain & Disease Research	
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Contextual signals in mouse visual cortex	
	Nathalie Rochefort, University of Edinburgh	
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break & Refreshments	
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Evolution of olfactory circuits on the fly	
	Lucia Prieto-Godino, The Francis Crick Institute London	
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Sensory priming: the role of interneurons in creating an internal	
	representation within the cortex	
	Gordon Fishell, Broad Institute	
12:00 - 12:15 PM	Flash Talks for Poster Session II	

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12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch Career Discussion for Women Scientists
	Hosted by: Kirsten Sadler Edepli, NYUAD
	A6 – Room 001A
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Poster Session II & Vendor Exhibition
	A6 – Room 001B/C
3:00 - 6:00 PM	PANEL V: Cells, Development & Diseases
	Chair: Kirsten Sadler Edepli, NYUAD
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Formation and evolution of skin patterns
	Marie Manceau, Collège de France, Paris
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Stress granule assembly and cell division
	Monica Gotta, University of Geneva
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Small proteins with big roles – from cell migration to species-specific
	fertilization
	Andrea Pauli, Research Institute of Molecular Pathology
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Break & Refreshments
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Cytoskeletal proteins in the nucleus: a new paradigm for gene
	regulation and genome organization during differentiation
	Piergiorgio Percipalle, New York University Abu Dhabi
5:30 - 6:00 PM	Molecular maturation of single multipotent progenitors fosters
	cardiopharyngeal competence
	Lionel Christiaen, New York University
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Closing Remarks