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Newsletter



Introduction... **by Bill Oetting**

The PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research has two major sources of information about our society, the *PASPCR Newsletter*, and the **PASPCR Web Site**. The internet presence of the PASPCR began as a Gopher site in February 28, 1994 (the PASPCR Gopher site still exists), and was administered by DeWayne Townsend, at the University of Minnesota. Vince Hearing created the first PASPCR Web Site in early 1995, and later that year the site was moved to the same server that contained the PASPCR Gopher site. Since then, the PASPCR Web Site has undergone numerous alterations. At present, the web site receives over 16 'hits' per day, and has accumulated over 30,000 visits since 1996. This number does not include multiple hits from the same IP address, but represents different individuals who are visiting the PASPCR Web Site.

The PASPCR Web Site is the major, up-to-date source of current information for the PASPCR membership and for individuals who are interested in the PASPCR. The PASPCR Web site is not only includes new information, but it is also a repository on the history of our society, our goals and our by-laws. This site also includes a registration page for potential new members and I have received well over 30 requests over the last two years. This is a very cost effective means to disseminate information about the PASPCR. If there is additional information that you would like to see on the Web site, or you would like to include information of past PASPCR activities, please let me know and I will add them. A visit to our web site may be the first time that an individual has heard about the PASPCR, and we should present ourselves in the best possible light. I look forward to your comments and inclusions.

The PASPCR Web Site can be found at:

<http://www.paspcr.org>

The *PASPCR Newsletter* is published quarterly and is intended to serve as a means of communication for the members of our Society. You are invited to contribute articles, or other information you feel will be of interest to members of the PASPCR. If you attend a scientific meeting and have heard results which you think will be of interest to the membership of the **PASPCR**, please write a few paragraphs summarizing what was presented and share it with us. Any information on upcoming meetings of interest will be added to the "Calendar of Events". We also want to note any change of affiliation or address that you may have had to help us keep our membership list up-to-date. This is your Newsletter, and we depend upon you to help us make sure it best serves the Society's needs. Contributions and comments can be sent to me, preferably by E-mail, to bill@lenti.med.umn.edu.

Due to problems with the domain names obtained for the IFPCS, the addresses IFPCS.info and IPCC.info are currently not active. I am trying to get these addresses back, but there is a possibility that they will be lost. I will let you know the results when they become available.

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Dec. 14-18, 2002 The American Society for Cell Biology 42nd Annual Meeting is to be held in San Francisco, CA
For more information: www.ascb.org

Sept. 3-7, 2003 XIth Annual Meeting of the PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research, to be held in Wood's Hole, MA.
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Corporate Sponsors *by Raymond E. Boissy*

The PASPCR would like to acknowledge and thank our Corporate Sponsors; the list below reflects contributions over the past 2 years. Financial gifts from these sponsors have allowed our Society to increase benefits to the membership far out of proportion to the actual dues collected from members. Monies contributed by these sponsors have been used over the years to support various PASPCR functions including our Young Investigator Award program, meeting travel stipends, annual meeting expenses and this Newsletter.

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Some Items of Interest:

The American Society for Cell Biology 42nd Annual Meeting is in San Francisco, December 14-18, 2002. Full details about the meeting are on the ASCB website www.ascb.org. If you would like to receive a copy of the Call for Abstracts send an e-mail to ascbinfo@ascb.org The Abstract deadline is August 1. The meeting opens on Saturday afternoon, December 14 with Special Interest Subgroups. The opening Reception is Saturday Evening at 6:00 PM and is titled, "Opportunities & Challenges in Cell Biology". The Chairs are Steven M. Block, R. Alta Charo, Ron McKay, and Andrew W. Murray. Sunday, December 15-Wednesday December 18 there will be two morning Symposia, and each afternoon will be your choice of 8 Minisymposia. Over 3,000 Poster Sessions will be presented. The Exhibit Hall will feature products and services for use by Cell Biologists. Over 350 companies will be Exhibiting. If you are looking for a job, or

have a job to fill, there will be a career center located next to the Exhibit Hall. Advanced Registration ends October 1. Minorities travel Award applications and Predoctoral travel Award Applications must be received by August 1.

From Miri Seiberg

Johnson & Johnson Skin Research Center training grant program

The Skin Research Center of the Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc. investigates the molecular, cellular and physiological mechanisms involved in skin homeostasis and diseases. The Skin Research Center is committed to enhancing global scientific interactions and collaborations in the area of skin research and to enabling young scientists to become a part of the skin research community.

The Johnson & Johnson SRC training grant program supports postdoctoral training of basic research in skin biology or physiology in key universities, colleges and research institutions around the world. A key component of the Johnson & Johnson SRC training grant is the promotion of mutually beneficial relationships between Johnson & Johnson SRC scientists, grant recipients and their laboratories. The SRC training grant program seeks new scientific developments that could, over time, prove beneficial to Johnson & Johnson. More information on this program could be found at the PASPCR Web site: www.paspcr.org/P&Pskingrant.pdf.

From Lynn Lamoreux

We will discontinue the following stocks at the end of June. Anyone who wants these stocks should contact Lynn Lamoreux. All are congenic with C57BL/6J

Belted

Silver with black (this is not available elsewhere on B6)

Silver with brown

Slaty with chinchilla

Slaty with brown

Chinchilla with brown

Model Organisms

by Lynn Lamoreux

メダカ

(Medaka)

The Japanese medaka is a vertebrate research model that offers particular advantages to pigment cell research. This hardy little fish produces a dozen or more eggs at a predictable time each day, and it retains them attached to the female for several hours. Medaka is easy and inexpensive to raise and to transport; thus is suitable for research projects at all levels from the classroom to the sophisticated research laboratory. The domesticated fish models, of course, avoid problems faced in working with mammals or species that must be collected in the wild. At the same time, medaka uniquely satisfies some specific needs for biological research. For example, the See-Through Medaka is essentially transparent throughout its lifetime because it lacks most differentiated pigment cells. Thus, the See-Through Medaka is a unique and convenient organism for any research that will benefit from continual observation of a living vertebrate at all levels of organization from the whole organism to fluorescent-tagged cells/molecules.

The See-Through Medaka was created by Mendelian genetics, using mutations that prevent normal function of the four different types of medaka chromatophores. The mutations used to make the see-through medaka are available in all combinations. Thus the embryonic and adult development of the four types of melanophores can be observed in presence or absence of differentiated representatives of any or all of the other melanophore types. The rich resources of medaka mutants, combined with data obtainable from other species, especially zebra fish and mouse, offer information not otherwise readily available regarding the chromatophore lineage.

For more information on the Medaka fish and different mutants that are available, visit The Medaka Homepage at <http://biol1.bio.nagoya-u.ac.jp/>

Mouse News

by Lynn Lamoreux

Congenic inbred mice are important to evaluation of gene functions and genic interactions because the functions and interactions can be evaluated in absence of confounding changes in the background genome. However, the exclusive use of C57BL/6J congenics would eventually lead us to an unnaturally narrow view of the range of variability that can be expressed as a result of change in a given gene. Furthermore, genes to not function in isolation, and the expression of a gene against one inbred background will not tell us the rest of the story regarding its relationship with the genome as a whole. One method of evaluating the influence of background genome upon a specific gene function or genic interaction is place the same specific gene(s) in a contrasting genetic background.

One such opportunity exists when white-spotting genotypes are compared on JU/CtLm and C57BL/6J. Differences become apparent. Dr. Tomohisa Hirobe has reported differences in skin pigmentation when standard genes that affect melanogenesis are placed on a C57BL/10 background. For readers who are interested in using JU, please contact Lynn Lamoreux or check out the stocks maintained at the Wellcome Trust Functional Genomics Mouse Pigmentary Mutants Repository. <http://www.sghms.ac.uk/depts/anatomy/pages/WTFGMPMR.htm>

Dr. Hirobe's stocks are listed below.

C57BL/10JHir (black)
 C57BL/10JHir-A/A (agouti)
 C57BL/10JHir-b/b (brown) Tyrp1 locus
 C57BL/10JHir-c/c (albino) Tyr locus
 C57BL/10JHir-d/d (dilute)
 C57BL/10JHir-p/p (pink-eyed dilution)
 C57BL/10JHir-Wsh/Wsh (sash) Kit locus
 C57BL/10JHir-e/e (recessive yellow) Mc1r locus
 C57BL/10JHir-slt/slt (slaty)
 C3H/HeJ/msHir

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Keep the membership informed.

If you have news about a member of the PASPCR, please let us know. Contact a member of the publications committee and we will make sure that it is in the next issue.

Positions - Wanted and Available

Postings for **Positions Available** will be open to all individuals and institutions so long as the position is related to pigment cell research. Postings for **Positions Wanted** will be open only to members of the PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research or its sister societies (JSPCR and ESPCR). Send postings to Bill Oetting at bill@lenti.med.umn.edu. Please provide an expiration date for any submitted postings. Final decisions will be made by the Publications Committee of the PASPCR.

Postdoctoral Position

Polarized Kit-ligand expression in the epidermis: Its role in human melanocyte homeostasis

A postdoctoral position (fully funded for the first year with the possibility of a 2 year extension) is immediately available in the Department of Pathology, Centre Medical Universitaire at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. The project is supervised by Dr. Bernhard Wehrle-Haller and Prof. Beat Imhof and is within the frame of a collaboration between the University of Geneva and Industry.

The aim of this project is to understand the role of kit-ligand in melanocyte homeostasis in the adult epidermis and how manipulation of kit-ligand expression or localization in keratinocytes affect melanocyte behavior. The project will employ cell-biological, pharmaceutical, biochemical as well transgenic approaches (mouse) to develop methods to modify Kit-ligand localization (polarity and cell surface expression) *in vivo* and to study melanocyte behavior in response to such altered Kit-ligand presentation. For references and rational see Wehrle-Haller and Imhof (2001, *J. Biol. Chem.* 276, 12667-74) and Grichnik et al., (1998, *J. Invest. Dermatol.* 111, 233-38).

The Centre Medical Universitaire provides a stimulatory research environment located within the City of Geneva. Research in the department is centered around problems of autoimmunity, wound healing, inflammation, cell-cell junctions and cell migration. Geneva, located at the lake of Geneva in close proximity to the French Alps, provides a rich multicultural environment facilitating social integration.

Interested candidates preferably having experience in one or more of the aforementioned domains should send their CV (e.g. e-mail) including names and contacting information of two references to:

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Postdoctoral Research Position

A postdoctoral position is available immediately to study the transcriptional co-repressor and co-activator activities of the oncogenic protein Ski in human melanomas (PNAS (USA) 97:5924-5929, 2000). Seeking individuals with experience in EMSA, *in vitro* transcription-translation, site-directed mutagenesis and yeast two-hybrid screening. Interested individuals should send inquiries and applications (including CV, a brief description of past experience and future research interests, and the name of three references) to:

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Research Associate/Post Doctoral Fellow Position Available

Position available for either an entry level postdoctoral fellow or a more senior research associate to study the molecular and cellular biology

of the melanocyte in general and the pathophysiology of vitiligo in specific. The research project will focus globally on the role of survival factors and apoptotic regulators on the viability of melanocytes in the skin and in culture. In addition, the project will focus on the genetic and cellular susceptibility of melanocytes from patients with vitiligo to under apoptosis in response to various stimuli. Postdoctoral fellow candidate should have experience with routine molecular and cellular techniques including cell culturing, site directed mutagenesis, and protein biochemistry. Research Associate candidate should have similar experiences utilizing the melanocyte system. Candidate will become part of an interactive research group focusing of various aspects of pigmentation in the Department of Dermatology and on skin physiology in the Skin Sciences Institute within the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Send curriculum vitae and list of three references to:

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Postdoctoral Fellows - Cancer and Developmental Biology

- Two NIH-funded positions are available for fellows interested in studying the Hedgehog signaling pathway in development and disease using skin as a model system. One project centers on defining the function of the Hedgehog pathway during skin appendage morphogenesis (*Dev. Biol.* 205: 1-9, 1999); a second project focuses on understanding how deregulated activation of this pathway gives rise to basal cell carcinomas (*Nature Genet.* 24: 216-7, 2000). Applicants should have a solid background in molecular and cell biology, with experience in transgenic animal models desirable but not required. Interested individuals should send a CV, letter of interest, and names of three references to: Dr. Andrzej Dlugosz, University of Michigan, Department of Dermatology and Comprehensive Cancer Center, 3310 CCGC, Box 0932, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0932 Email: dlugosza@umich.edu. The University of Michigan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

And now for the rest of the story.

There is no story for this issue. Please look in the September issue for the next installment.

If you wish to know how a particular line of investigation got started, or know of a story that would be interesting to readers of the PASPCR Newsletter, please email me at bill@lenti.med.umn.edu, and I will try to get **the rest of the story**.

2002 IFPCS Conference

The XVIII th IPCC will take place at the Hotel Zuiderduin in Egmond aan Zee. Hotel Zuiderduin is situated in the dunes of Egmond aan Zee, one hundred meters from the North Sea. This beautiful, modern hotel is provided with a pub, swimming pool, sauna, beauty centre and fitness centre. Egmond aan Zee is a small fishermen town, with a lot of tourist attractions. Most prominent is the Jan van Speyck lighthouse.

Near Egmond aan Zee, the larger city of Alkmaar is found. Alkmaar is a medieval town which is still visible via the old town centre with a labyrinth of small streets. The most prominent buildings in town are The Great St. Laurens Church and the Weigh house. On Friday morning till half September there is a cheese market (for almost 400 years now) around the Weigh house.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Welcome Reception

Sunday 8th September 2002, 17:00 - 19:00

Delegates and their accompanying persons are invited to attend this reception, which will take place in Hotel Zuiderduin

Boat Trip and Banquet in Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam

Wednesday 11th September 2002, 16:30 - 23:30

The participants will have the opportunity to take part in an excursion to Amsterdam, where they will be taken on a boat tour through the canals. The Conference Banquet will take place at the Golden Tulip Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky.

The Golden Tulip Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky is situated directly opposite the Royal Palace on the Dam right in the heart of Amsterdam. The breathtaking Winter Garden, the glass palace dating from 1879, where the dinner will take place, is listed as National Monument.

Please note that the capacity in the Winter Garden is limited; tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. (Dress code: informal)

Farewell Party

Thursday 12th September 2002, 19:00 - 23:00

Delegates and their accompanying persons are invited to attend the farewell party, which will take place in Hotel Zuiderduin.

Active Jazz players: a dixieland band from the medical faculty from Prague will entertain us during the farewell party and a jam-session will be organized. Take your instrument with you !!!

The following is the scientific program for The XVIIIth International Pigment Cell Conference, to be held in The Hague, Holland. For the most current information, go to the IPCC web site at <http://users.raketnet.nl/ipcc/>

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Sunday 8th September 2002

Council Meetings

Building up exhibitions

Poster mounting

14:30 - 17:00 *Registration*

17:00 - 19:00 *Welcome Reception*

Monday 9th September 2002

Morning:

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Special Lecture: Videomicroscopy in Pigment Cell Research (P. Friedl, Germany)

Plenary Symposium: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Melanogenesis

Special Lecture: What is wrong in xeroderma pigmentosum

(J.H.J. Hoeijmakers, The Netherlands)

Plenary Symposium: Photochemistry and Skin Pigmentation

Lunch and poster viewing

Afternoon:

Plenary Symposium: Epidemiology of Melanoma and Precursor Lesions

Press Conference: Nevi and UV radiation as risk factors for melanoma

Evening:

Concurrent workshops

Workshop I: Immunobiology of Melanocytes and Melanoma.

Workshop II: Melanocyte Microscopy; Imaging and Ultrastructural Studies

Dinner at Hotel Zuiderduin

Tuesday 10th September 2002Morning:

Plenary Symposium IV: Genetics of Pigmentation

Special Lecture: Molecular genetics of pigmentary disorders (R.A. Spritz, U.S.A.)

Seiji Memorial Lecture

Lunch and Poster viewing / Women forum

Afternoon:

Plenary Symposium: Developmental Biology of Pigmentary System

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop I: Chemistry of Eumelanin and Pheomelanin

Workshop II: Comparative Biology; Other Pigmentary Systems

Dinner at Hotel Zuiderduin

Wednesday 11th September 2002Morning:

Presidential Address: Melanin and melanogenesis: a fascinating target for chemists (S. Ito, Japan)

Plenary Symposium: Cutaneous and Ocular Melanoma: Genetics and Basic Biology

Concurrent workshops

Workshop I: Extracutaneous Pigmentation

Workshop II: (Patho)physiological Aspects of Melanosomes

Lunch and poster viewing

Afternoon:

Special lecture: The role of melanocortin-1-receptor polymorphism in skin cancer risk (R.A. Sturm, Australia).

Plenary Symposium: Cell Biology and Cell Signalling in Melanocytes

Excursion to Amsterdam, Boat Trip and Banquet, 16:30 - 23:30

Banquet at Hotel Krasnapolsky, Amsterdam

Thursday 12th September 2002Morning:

Plenary Symposium: Cutaneous and Ocular Melanoma: Diagnosis and Treatments

Plenary Symposium: Vitiligo and Other Pigmentary Disturbances

Lunch and poster viewing

Afternoon:

Plenary Symposium: Hot Topics

Special lecture: Identification of Melanocyte and Melanoma Biomarkers using

DermArray DNA Microarrays (T.P. Dooley, U.S.A.)

Plenary Symposium: Genomics and Proteomics in Pigment Cell Research

Closing remarks

19:00-23:00 Farewell Party (Hotel Zuiderduin)

Note:

The following persons have been invited to present their recent work in the above mentioned plenary symposia:

Z. Abdel-Malek (U.S.A.); R. Balloti (France); J. Bologna (U.S.A.); L. Brochez (Belgium); A.M. Eggermont (The Netherlands); Garcia-Borron (Spain); V.J. Hearing (U.S.A.); M. Herlyn (U.S.A.); Imokawa, G. (Japan), R. MacKie (U.K.); S. Shibahara (Japan); K. Toyofuku (Japan).

Friday 13th September 2002**SATELLITE SYMPOSIA****I. The Congenital Giant Naevus: Research and Treatment**

Organiser: H. Etchevers (France).

The symposium may be of particular interest for dermatologists, plastic and reconstructive surgeons and scientists involved in the molecular and cell biology of congenital (giant) naevi. Sessions of grouped short presentations will be followed by round table exchanges with the audience. Presentation abstracts and lunch will be provided. The following topics are anticipated:

dermabrasion, dermal and epidermal substitutes, epidemiology, fetal naevogenesis, malignant transformation, neurocutaneous melanosis, phototherapy, scarring in and near naevi, satellite naevi, skin mobilisation, targeted immunotherapy, the naevocyte in vitro, tissue expanders. The first Annual Meeting of Naevus 2000 France-Europe's Committee on Medicine and Science will follow the symposium.

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II. Melanoma Biology

Organisers: D. J. Ruiter (The Netherlands), G.N.P. van Muijen (The Netherlands), M. Herlyn (U.S.A.)

The aim of the satellite symposium is to discuss new concepts in melanoma biology, new techniques that enable further observation in animal and human tumors, new approaches for diagnostic and prognostic purposes, and new strategies for immunologic therapy. The symposium will consist of invited lectures that will be divided in four successive sessions. Presentations will be given by leading experts in the field. The meeting will take place from 9:00 until 17:30 and will be followed by cocktails and dinner. Coffee / tea and lunch will also be provided.

A tentative program with the speakers who have been invited is given bellow:

New Concepts:

Stem cells and stromagenesis; (M. Herlyn; Philadelphia)

Lymphangiogenesis (R. de Waal; Nijmegen)

Dynamics of tumor invasion (P. Friedl, Wuerzburg)

New Technologies:

Transgenic mouse model (P. Krimpenfort; Amsterdam)

Spectral imaging of transcription factor expression (D. Becker; Pittsburg)

Tetramere staining of cytotoxic lymphocytes (M. Bernsen; Nijmegen)

New Approaches in Diagnosis and Prognosis:

Comparative genomic hybridization-based microarrays (B. Bastian; San Francisco)

Cytokine profiles (D. Schadendorf; Mannheim)

Uveal melanoma as a paradigm (M. Jager; Leiden)

New Strategies for Immunologic Therapy:

Melanosomal proteins (V.Hearing; Bethesda)

Dendritic cells (G. Adema; Nijmegen)

New targets (M.Bar-Eli; Houston)

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III. Pigment Cell Societies Development Group

Organiser: Dr. W. Pavan

The International Federation of Pigment Cell Societies Development Group is hosting a one-day satellite meeting designed to coalesce the remarkable recent progress in the field of pigment cell development with research aimed at gaining new insights into differentiation, gene expression and embryology. This meeting will explore these themes by gathering experts in a broad range of fields spanning basic transcriptional mechanisms through the clinical impact of pigment cell research. The program will include talks from invited group members and talks selected from abstract submissions. Our goal is to bring together a diverse group of dynamic speakers and participants who can together explore the current findings in pigment cell development.

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IV. Hyperpigmentation and hypopigmenting agents

Co-chair James J. Nordlund (PASPCR), Jean-Paul Ortonne (ESPCR) and Masako Mizoguchi (JSPCR)

1. Introduction: The problem of hyperpigmentation -J Nordlund (USA)

2. Melasma and hyperpigmentation: histological studies- Won Hyoung Kang, Ajou (Korea)

3. New studies on the causes of melasma; role of contact and photodermatitis in melasma- Vermeulen Verallo-Rowell Manila, Philippines

4. Dermal melanosis and melanocytosis: current therapies in the Far East- Masako Mizoguchi, Japan

5. Review of therapies in Europe and results with lightening agents for treatment of pigmentary problems- Wiete Westerhof (The Netherlands)

6. Review of new therapies in US and work on, anisole and combination therapies- Jean Bologna (USA)

Coffee break

7. Review of treatment of hyperpigmentation in South America- Doris Hexsel

8. Review of arbutin and derivatives- Ray Boissy (USA)

9. Theoretical Approches to hypopigmenting skin- a basis in cell biology- Matsumitsu Ichihashi (Japan)

10. Theoretical Approches to hyperpigmenting skin- a basis in cell biology- Jean Paul Ortonne (France)

11. Metabolism of melanosomes: Is melanin biodegradable? -Jan Borovansky (Czech Republic)

12. Open Discussion



This is a tentative agenda for the first Annual Melanoma Research Congress. It does not contain names but the work shops etc. Please contact Meenhard or DuPont Guerry for more information.

First Annual Melanoma Research Congress

June 21-24, 2003

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Saturday, June 21

3:00 pm to 10:00 pm **REGISTRATION**

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Keynote Addresses**

Steven Rosenberg
Rational Immunotherapy of Melanoma

Jeff Trent
Genomics approaches to Melanoma Biology

9:00 pm to 10:00 pm **OPENING RECEPTION**

Sunday, June 22

8:00 am to 10:30 am **Plenary Session 1**

Immunobiology and Immunotherapy of Melanoma

Giorgio Parmiani, Chair

Drew Pardoll
Thierry Boon
Soldano Ferrone
Ralph Reisfeld

10:30 am to 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am to 12:30 pm **Workshops 1-3**

Workshop 1

Experimental Melanocyte Transformation

Scott Lowe
Carola Berking
Marisol Soengas
Glenn Merlino

Workshop 2

Genetics of Familial Melanoma

Alisa Goldstein
David Hoog
Nick Hayward
Julia Newton Bishop

Workshop 3

Melanocyte Development and Melanoma

David Fisher
Heinz Arnheiter
Bill Pavan
Nishimura?

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm **Break**

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Plenary Session 2**

Molecular Epidemiology of Melanoma

Marianne Berwick, Chair

Margarete Tucker
Tim Rebbeck
Mann/Kefford/
Landis/Bergman

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm **Break**

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm **Workshops 4-6**

Workshop 4

Immunobiology II

Susan Topalian
Franco Marincola
Ingegerd Hellstroem
Walter Storkus

Workshop 5

UV and Melanoma

Glenn Merlino
Vince Hearing
Rick Sturm
Frances Noonan
Ed DeFabo

Workshop 6
Molecular and Functional Genomics of Melanoma
David Speicher
Katheryn Resing
Boris Bastian

8:00 pm to 10:00 pm **Poster Session 1**
Immunobiology and Immunotherapy of Melanoma

Monday, June 23

8:00 am to 10:00 am **Plenary Session 3**
Biology of Melanoma
Dorothea Becker, Chair
Meenhard Herlyn
Ze'ev Ronai
Ruth Halaban
Lynda Chin

10:00 am to 10:30 am **Break**

11:00 am to 12:30 pm **Workshops 7-9**
Workshop 7
Biomarkers
David Hoon
Anja Bosserhoff
Dirk Ruitter
DuPont Guerry

Workshop 8
Tumor Progression
David Elder
Martin Mym
Alistar Cochran

Workshop 9
Bioinformatics for Genomics and Proteomics
Todd Golub
Towia Liebermann
Phyllis Gimotty
Louise Showe

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm **Break**

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Plenary Session 5**
Invasion and Metastasis of Melanoma
I. Fidler
D. Ruitter
R. Muschel
D. Welsh

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm **Break**

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm **Poster Session B**
Etiology, Biology, Prevention, and
Novel Therapy of Melanoma

Advocates and Melanoma Research
DuPont Guerry

8:00 pm to 10:00 pm **Reception/Dinner**
Inauguration of the
Society for Melanoma Research
Advocate Speaker

Tuesday, June 24

8:00 am to 10:00 am **Plenary Session 6**
Novel Concepts for Melanoma Etiology,
Prevention, Diagnosis, and Prognosis
Meenhard Herlyn
Robert Benezra/Raffi
Mary Hendrix
Catherine Verfaillie

10:00 am to 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am to 12:30 am **Plenary Session 7**
Hot Topics in Non-immunological Therapy of
Melanoma
Bob Wittes
Disease Gene Identification
Genomics of Drug Discovery

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