

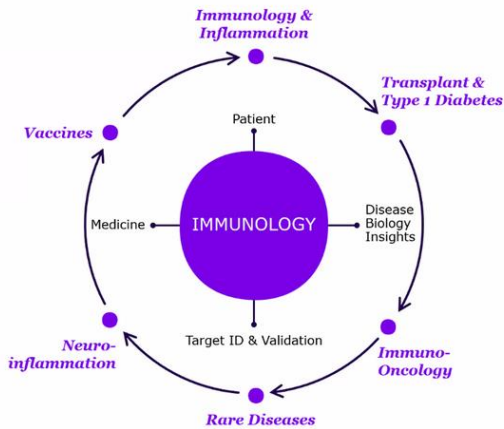
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May 27<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
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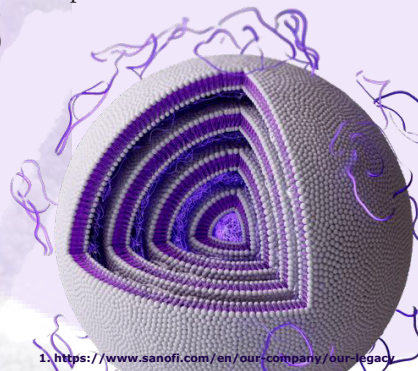
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## The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the RNA Society



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### MEETING ORGANIZERS

Katrin Karbstein, Vanderbilt University, USA  
Atlanta Cook, University of Edinburgh, Scotland  
Anita H. Corbett, Emory University, USA  
Jørgen Kjems, Aarhus University, Denmark  
Zefeng Wang, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China



Dear RNA colleagues,



Welcome to RNA 2025! This year we return to the United States, where we will enjoy the wonderful facilities and weather of San Diego, California, along with the latest advancements on RNA research. The last time the RNA Society meeting was held in USA was in 2022 in Boulder, Colorado. That was the first 'in-person' meeting after the COVID-19 pandemic, and we were thrilled to reconnect with our friends and discuss science at length without the barrier of a computer screen. This year's meeting also comes at a pivotal moment for science, in the USA and worldwide, and for RNA science in particular. I find it significant that the meeting takes place this year in the USA and look forward to our collective efforts to devise smart ways to address current challenges- scientific, organizational, even political - based on our shared principles of evidence-based decisions and community support. RNA 2025 provides an opportunity to not only talk about RNA science, but also about ways to ensure that science is protected and all of our colleagues supported.

The meeting this year will include the usual scientific sessions, DEI and RNA Junior Scientists panels, Mentoring dinner, Awards Ceremony and celebratory banquet. Significantly, this year we are introducing a special oral presentation session focused on education, which will highlight the importance of training and inspiring the future generation of RNA scientists. This is complemented by a pre-conference workshop designed to address resource gaps in RNA education and ways to share effective strategies.

I encourage you to take full advantage of all that RNA 2025 has to offer—learn, connect, and enjoy the thriving world of RNA science. And don't forget to meet the Editors of the flagship journal of the RNA Society - RNA; they are eager to speak with you about your science!

In closing, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our outstanding organizers Katrin Karbstein, Atlanta Cook, Anita Corbett, Jørgen Kjems and Zefeng Wang. Their dedication and effort have made this incredibly attractive meeting program possible.

Thank you for attending RNA 2025, and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Fátima Gebauer  
President, RNA Society



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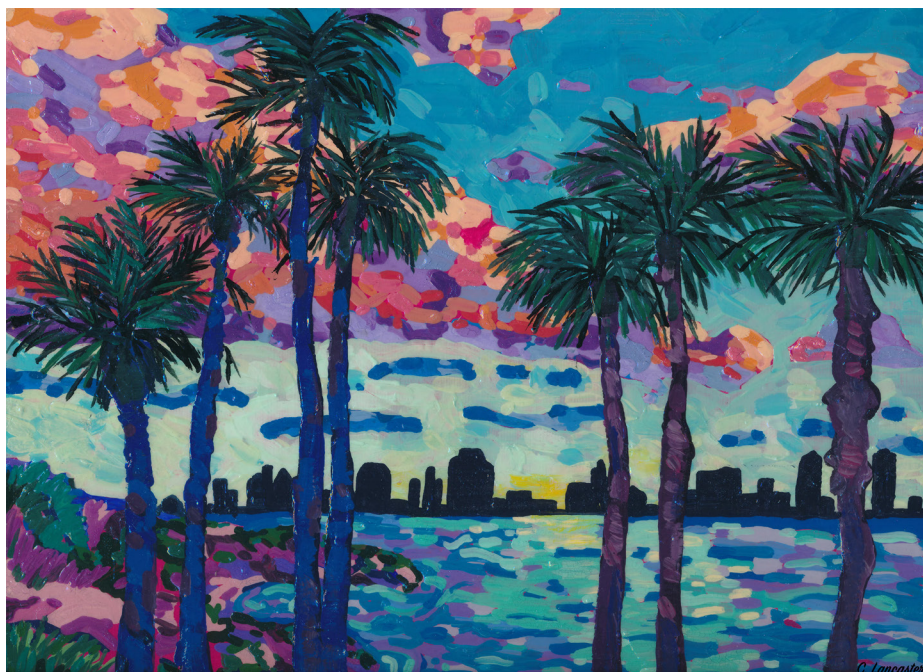
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# PROGRAM SUMMARY

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## TUESDAY, MAY 27

### Registration

13:00 – 20:30, Town and County Foyer

### RNA 2025 Pre-Meeting RNA Education Workshop

14:00 – 16:00, Town and Country Ballroom B

*Bridging the Gap in RNA Education: Building Networks to Support, Educate and Train the Next Generation of RNA Scientists*

### RNA Society President's Welcome & Opening Keynotes

16:15 – 18:45, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

**Keynote 1:** Erin Schuman, Max Planck Institute for Brain Research, Germany

Chair: Anita Corbett

**Keynote 2:** Tracy Johnson, University of California–Los Angeles, USA

Chair: Atlanta Cook

### Welcome Reception

18:45 – 20:30, Flamingo Lawn and Lapper Lawn

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

### Sponsored Seminar: Lexogen

7:45 – 8:45, Town and Country Ballroom B



### Registration

7:45 – 18:30, Town and Country Foyer

### Plenary 1: RNA Modification and Editing

9:00 – 11:10, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Nicole Martinez, Stanford University, USA

### Refreshment Break

11:10 – 11:40, Golden State Ballroom



## **Plenary Session**

11:40 – 12:55, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

## **Meet the *RNA* Journal Editors**

### **2024 RNA Society Lifetime Achievement in Science Award**

**Winner: Jennifer Doudna**

Chair: Sandra Wolin, NCI - NIH, USA

## **Lunch**

12:55 – 14:25, Golden State Ballroom

## **RNA Society Meetings Committee Meeting**

12:55 – 14:25, California 2

## **Sponsored Seminar:**

### **Oxford Nanopore Technologies**

13:10 – 14:10, Town and Country Ballroom B



## **Concurrent 1: Translation Regulation**

14:25 – 16:00, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Chris LaPointe, Fred Hutch Cancer Center, USA

## **Concurrent 2: Transcription, Chromatin, and Epigenetics**

14:25 – 16:00, Town and Country Ballroom B

Chair: Sihem Cheloufi, UC Riverside, USA

## **Concurrent 3: New Technologies**

14:25 – 16:00, Town and Country Ballroom A

Chair: Ebbe Anderson, Aarhus University, Denmark

## **Refreshment Break**

Sponsored by Pfizer

16:00 – 16:30, Golden State Ballroom



## **Concurrent 4: Viral RNAs and Innate Immunity**

16:30 – 18:40, Town and Country Ballroom A

Chair: Lena Steckelberg, Columbia University, USA

## **Concurrent 5: Bioinformatics**

16:30 – 18:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Xiao Wang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

## **Concurrent 6: RNA Structure, Folding and Modeling**

16:30 – 18:40, Town and Country Ballroom B

Sponsored by Sanofi

Chair: Katie Eichhorn, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA



## **RNA Society Mentoring Dinner**

18:40 – 20:30, Golden State Ballroom

Organizer: Nancy Greenbaum

## **Dinner (for all non-Mentoring Dinner attendees)**

18:40 – 20:30, Golden State Ballroom

## **Poster Session 1**

20:30 – 22:30, Golden State Ballroom

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## **THURSDAY, MAY 29**

### **Sponsored Seminar: Sanofi**

7:45 – 8:45, Town and Country Ballroom B



### **Registration**

8:00 – 17:00, Town and Country Foyer

### **Plenary 2: RNA and Disease**

9:00 – 10:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Paul Donlin-Asp, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

### **Refreshment Break (marked Affinity Zones)**

Sponsored by Pfizer

10:40 – 11:10, Golden State Ballroom



**Keynote 3:** Matt Disney, The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute  
for Biomedical Innovation & Technology, USA

11:10 – 12:10, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Zefeng Wang

### **Lunch**

12:10 – 13:30, Golden State Ballroom

### **Sponsored Seminar: Eclipsebio**

12:25 – 13:25, Town and Country Ballroom B



### **Plenary 3: RNA Therapeutics I**

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13:30 – 14:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Kristopher Brannan, Houston Methodist Research Institute, USA



### **Break (transition to concurrent sessions)**

14:40 – 14:55

### **Concurrent 7: The Current and Future State of RNA Medicines**

14:55 – 16:30, Town and Country Ballroom A

Panel hosted by the RNA Society Junior Scientists Group

### **Concurrent 8: RNA Therapeutics II**

14:55 – 16:30, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Alicia Bicknell, Moderna, USA

### **Concurrent 9: Training Future Scientists Through RNA**

14:55 – 16:30, Town and Country Ballroom B

Chair: Suzanne Lee, Western Washington University, USA

### **RNA Society Jr. Scientist Group hosted “Meet & Greet”**

16:30 – 17:30, Town and Country Foyer

Sponsored by Sanford Laboratories for Innovative Medicines and the University of California, San Diego Center for RNA Therapeutics and Technologies

### **Free Evening**

16:30



**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

### **Sponsored Seminar: RNA Connect**

7:45 – 8:45, Town and Country Ballroom B



### **Registration**

8:00 – 18:30, Town and Country Foyer

### **Plenary 4: Translations Mechanisms**

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9:00 – 10:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Sezen Meydan, Vanderbilt University, USA



## Refreshment Break

10:40 – 11:10, Golden State Ballroom

**Keynote 4:** Ling-Ling Chen, Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences 3, China

11:10 – 12:10, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Jørgen Kjems

## RNA for All

12:10 – 12:55, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Panel hosted by the RNA Society Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

## Lunch

12:55 – 14:25, Golden State Ballroom

## Concurrent 10: RNA Processing Events

14:25 – 15:30, Town and Country Ballroom A

Chair: Jeff Chao, FMI, Switzerland

## Concurrent 11: Splicing Mechanisms and Regulation

14:25 – 15:30, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Ruixue Wan, Westlake University, China

## Refreshment Break (marked Affinity Zones)

Sponsored by Pfizer

15:30 – 16:00, Golden State Ballroom



## Plenary 5: Alternative Splicing

16:00 – 17:20, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Yongbo Wang, Fudan University, China

## Plenary 6: RNA and Neuroscience

17:20 – 18:30, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Ezgi Hacisuleyman, UF Scripps Institute, USA

## Dinner

18:30 – 20:00, Golden State Ballroom

## RNA Society Board of Directors Meeting

18:30 – 20:00, California 2

## Poster Session 2

20:00 – 22:00, Golden State Ballroom

## SATURDAY, MAY 31

### Registration

8:30 – 18:00, Town and Country Foyer

### Plenary 7: RNA Surveillance and Degradation

9:00 – 10:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Derrick Morton, University of Southern California, USA

### Refreshment Break

10:40 – 11:00, Town and Country Foyer

### Plenary 8: RNA Protein Interactions

11:00 – 12:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Daniel Dominguez, University of North Carolina, USA

### Lunch

12:40 – 1:40, Town and Country Foyer (boxed lunch pick up)

### Concurrent 12: RNA Condensates

13:40 – 15:10, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Maria Hondele, BioZentrum Basel, Switzerland

### Concurrent 14: RNA Transport and Localization

13:40 – 15:10, Town and Country Ballroom B

Chair: Dorothy Lerit, Emory University, USA

### Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Pfizer

15:10 – 15:30, Golden State Ballroom



### Concurrent 15: lncRNAs and circRNAs

15:30 – 16:40, Town and Country Ballroom C & D

Chair: Antony Mustoe, Baylor University, USA

### Concurrent 16: miRNA and siRNA

15:30 – 16:40, Town and Country Ballroom A

Chair: Sebastian Falk, University of Vienna, Austria

### Concurrent 17: Diverse RNA Processes

15:30 – 16:40, Town and Country Ballroom B

Chair: Colin Wu, NCI/CCR, USA



### **Break (transition to Awards Ceremony)**

16:40 – 17:00

### **Awards Ceremony and 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner:**

**David Tollervey**

17:00 – 18:30, Town and Country Ballroom A

Chairs: Ambro van Hoof and Fátima Gebauer

### **RNA 2026 Announcement, Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements**

18:30 – 18:45, Town and Country Ballroom A

### **Closing Reception, Dinner and Dance**

18:45 – 19:30, Reception at the Flamingo and Lapper Lawns

19:30 – Midnight, Dinner and Dancing, Town and Country Ballrooms B, C, D

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| Ribosomes &                                 | RNA Stability/Degradation    | Telomerase                           |
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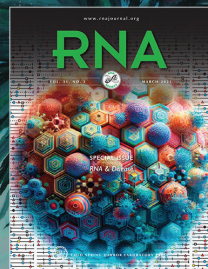
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## THE RNA SOCIETY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE AWARD



**David Tollervey**

The RNA Society Lifetime Achievement in Science Award acknowledges the outstanding contributions of an RNA researcher on the general scientific community. Each year, the RNA Society Board of Directors seeks nominations to identify a recipient based on their long-time research achievements. The award is presented at the Annual RNA Meeting, where the recipient gives a special address to the RNA Society.

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*Congratulations to **David Tollervey**, Wellcome Principal Research Fellow and Professor of RNA Biology at the Centre for Cell Biology, University of Edinburgh, and recognized for his pioneering work in the fields of ribosome biogenesis and RNA surveillance. He contributed to establishing the role of snoRNAs in ribosomal RNA processing, described the function of fibrillarin- a conserved protein now known to be involved in autoimmune disorders and cancer- in this process, and identified dozens of trans-acting factors involved in rRNA cleavage, modification or remodeling. On the way to characterize 5.8S rRNA 3' end maturation, the Tollervey lab discovered the RNA exosome, a prominent cell nanomachine responsible for the surveillance of most classes of RNA. More recently, he has described methods for the high-throughput mapping of RNA-RNA and RNA-protein interactions (CRAC, CLASH, TRAPP) that are widely used by the community, and has characterized the role of imprinted snoRNAs in Prader-Willi Syndrome. Tollervey's seminal contributions are now textbook material. In addition to his scientific discoveries, Tollervey has been a generous member of the RNA Society, serving as President (2007–2008), Director (2003–2004) and annual meeting organizer (1999, 2002, 2024). For his outstanding contributions to RNA science and the RNA Society, we celebrate David Tollervey with the 2025 RNA Society Lifetime Achievement in Science Award.*

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**Nancy Greenbaum**

The RNA Society Lifetime Service Award is given in appreciation of outstanding dedication and service to the RNA Society and greater RNA community. Each year, the RNA Society Board of Directors seeks nominations and selects the recipient of this award based on exemplary contributions and commitment to fulfilling the mission of the RNA Society and promoting RNA research and education world-wide.

Previous winners include Tim Nilsen (2003), Chris Greer (2004), Jean Beggs (2005), Olke Uhlenbeck (2006), Marvin Wickens (2007), Eric Westhof (2008), Anita Hopper (2009), Lynne Maquat (2010), Evelyn Jabri (2011), Brenda Peculis (2012), Ann Marie Micenmacher (2014), David Lilley (2015), Andrea Barta (2016), Andrew Feig (2017), Elizabeth Tran (2018), Jim McSwiggen (2019), Sarah Woodson (2020), Juan Valcárcel (2021), Anna Marie Pyle (2022), Benoît Chabot (2023), and Ute Kothe (2024).

*Congratulations to **Nancy Greenbaum**, Professor at Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY), is recognized for her outstanding contributions to mentoring junior scientist members of the RNA Society and within the greater RNA research community. Nancy has led efforts to provide mentorship to junior members by organizing the Career Mentoring event of the RNA Society Annual Meeting for the last 11 years. Since 2017, Greenbaum has also coordinated the RNA Society Individual Mentoring Initiative, a program initially launched by Juan Valcárcel providing one-on-one mentoring to over 40 young RNA researchers per year. These programs and Nancy's leadership have been instrumental for the professional development and success of junior members of our RNA community. More broadly, in addition to numerous PhD students and postdocs, Greenbaum has trained over 100 undergraduate students in her research lab, many of whom have gone on to pursue PhD or MD-PhD degrees. Nancy also serves as the Coordinator of the CUNY Intensive Research Experience (CIRE) Program at Hunter College, aimed at preparing undergraduate students from less favored communities for careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) research. For her unreserved dedication to mentoring RNA Society junior scientists, we celebrate Nancy Greenbaum with the 2025 RNA Society Lifetime in Service Award.*

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## THE ELISA IZAURRALDE AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN RESEARCH, TEACHING AND SERVICE



**Kristin Koutmou**

The Elisa Izaurrealde Award for Innovation in Research, Teaching and Service was established in 2019 to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Elisa Izaurrealde, former Director of the Department of Biochemistry at the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology in Tübingen, Germany, and a generous friend and colleague to the RNA community. The award is presented to an early career researcher who embodies Elisa's dedication to science and employs innovative approaches to their research, teaching and service. This award is open to early career scientists (5–15 years post-PhD) who hold an independent research position at an academic institution.

Previous winners include Lori Passmore (2020), Gene Yeo (2021), Luisa Cochella (2022), Amanda Hargrove (2023), and Stefanie Jonas (2024).

*Congratulations to **Kristin Koutmou**, an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Michigan, USA, where she has made impactful discoveries into the chemical biology of RNA and its modifications. Koutmou is a dedicated teacher and mentor, and teaches university courses in biochemistry and chemical biology. She also developed activities to get students in grades 6 to 12 excited about science, publishes science education materials, and has won national-level awards for her education efforts. Within the RNA Society, Koutmou serves as Chair of the Membership Committee, where she administers the Small Meetings Sponsorship Program as well as membership recruitment and renewal.*

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## THE RNA SOCIETY MID-CAREER AWARD



**Yanli Wang**

The RNA Society Mid-Career Award is given in recognition of scientists who have made significant contributions to their field in the first 15 years of their career as an independent investigator.

Previous winners include Karla Neugebauer (2017), Nils Walter (2017), Erik Sontheimer (2018), Ailong Ke (2019), Jernej Ule (2020), Ling-Ling Chen (2021), Julius Brennecke (2022), Nicholas Ingolia (2023) and Chase Beisel (2024).

*Congratulations to **Yanli Wang**, a principal investigator and HHMI International Scholar at the Institute of Biophysics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Throughout her career,*

*Wang has made seminal contributions to our mechanistic understanding of how small RNAs guide their partner enzymes to DNA and RNA targets. This theme emerged during her training period when she studied Argonaute proteins and miRNA regulation. As an independent scientist, Wang has focused on diverse CRISPR systems, making key inroads into our fundamental understanding of RNA-mediated immune systems that facilitate development of precision genome-editing technologies. Her research has provided key insights into the acquisition of new immune specificities by bacteria, the processing of their guide RNAs, and the execution of immune defense.*

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## THE RNA SOCIETY EARLY CAREER AWARD

The RNA Society Early Career Award is given in recognition of scientists who have made significant contributions to their field in the first seven years of their career as an independent investigator.

Previous winners include Wendy Gilbert (2017), Gene Yeo (2017), Andrei Korostelev (2018), Maria Barna (2019), Igor Ulitsky (2020), Schraga Schwartz (2021) and Nicholas Guydosh (2022), Jinwei Zhang (2023), and Chun Kit Kwok (2024).



**Samuel Sternberg**

*Congratulations to **Samuel Sternberg**, an HHMI investigator and associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at Columbia University in New York, NY, USA. Sternberg received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley researching CRISPR-Cas biology and, as a trainee, co-authored a popular science book with Jennifer Doudna on the discovery and development of CRISPR-based gene editing technology. After a stint in industry and brief postdoctoral training, Sternberg opened his lab on RNA-guided biology in 2018, where he has deciphered how CRISPR and transposon-associated protein complexes promote RNA-guided transposition and RNA-guided transposon proliferation.*

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## THE RNA SOCIETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

The Inclusive Leadership award was established in 2021 to recognize outstanding leadership that promotes the training and/or professional development of underrepresented scientists and greater inclusion of RNA researchers within our scientific community. This award is open to all current members of the RNA Society having a demonstrated record of promoting diversity and inclusion in RNA science. Activities can include, but are not limited to, achievements in research mentorship of underrepresented scientists, development of



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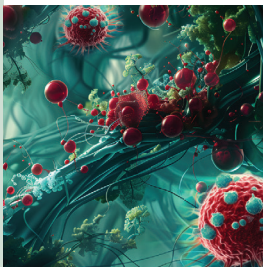
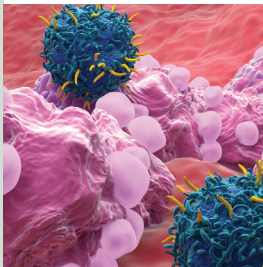
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**Michelle Scott**

programs or initiatives that promote inclusion in the RNA scientific community, and/or long-standing advocacy and/or commitment to scientific inclusion and opportunities for all.

Previous winners were Anita Corbett (2022), Wendy Gilbert (2023), and Shobha Vasudevan (2024).

*Congratulations to **Michelle Scott**, a professor of Biochemistry and Functional Genomics at the Université de Sherbrooke, in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and who serves as Director of the university's RNA Excellence Pole. Her research focuses on noncoding RNA function, including*

*the expression and function of snoRNAs and miRNAs. Scott is a founding member of RNA Canada, a recently established society fostering RNA research and collaboration across Canada, and chairs the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee. Additionally, Scott has spearheaded workshops in Quebec to encourage high school girls to consider careers in STEM.*

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## THE RNA SOCIETY OUTSTANDING CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD

The RNA Society Outstanding Career Researcher Award was established in 2021 to recognize the exceptional contributions of career research scientists in advancing the field of RNA. The award is open to all career researchers who performs his/her/their scientific role in the framework of a larger research group. Examples of career RNA researchers eligible for this award include Research Assistants, Research Associates, Technicians, Lab Managers, Staff Scientists, or those in equivalent positions.

Previous winners were Arthur Zaug (2022), Sara Olson (2023), and Jason Stagno (2024).



**Maxime Wery**

*Congratulations to **Maxime Wery**, a senior scientist in the laboratory of Antonin Morillon at the Curie Institute in Paris, France. Wery has worked alongside Morillon for 15 years and has over 20 peer-reviewed publications investigating RNA decay mechanisms and long noncoding RNA metabolism. Wery's contributions span from wet-lab work to computational analysis and mentoring trainees. Beyond the Morillon laboratory, he has served as a member of the scientific committee organizing the annual "Noncoding Genome" international course at the Curie Institute and is an active member of the RNA Spotlight writing team for the RNA Society.*

## THE RNA SOCIETY/COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY PRESS AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE BY AN UNDERREPRESENTED SCIENTIST



The RNA Society/Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press Award for Research Excellence by an Underrepresented Scientist is sponsored by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (CSHLP), a long-time partner of the RNA Society and publisher of RNA, the official journal of the Society. This award was established in 2021 to recognize exceptional contributions to RNA research by a scientific trainee who is underrepresented in biomedical research. This award is open to all qualifying graduate students and post-doctoral fellow trainees (or equivalent).

Previous winners were Jillian Ramos (2022), Sezen Meydan (2023), and Mariela Cortés López (2024).



**Luciana Castellano**

*Congratulations to **Luciana Castellano** who is originally from Argentina and who is currently a graduate student in the laboratory of Ariel Bazzini at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, USA. Castellano studies the role of codon optimality during RNA virus infection. Her work has revealed how viruses adapt to host codon preferences - uncovering a novel mechanism in host-pathogen evolution and opening avenues for therapeutic innovation. Her leadership extends to the mentoring of others, fostering collaborations, and organizing professional development events for local trainees. As a Latina woman in STEM, Castellano's dedication and accomplishments serve to inspire others while advancing RNA science.*

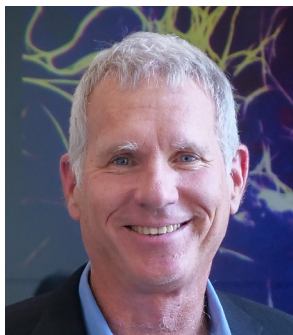
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## THE RNA SOCIETY/COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY PRESS DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH MENTOR AWARD



The RNA Society/Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press Distinguished Research Mentor Award is supported by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (CSHLP), a long-time partner of the RNA Society and publisher of RNA, the official journal of the Society. This award was established in 2021 to recognize outstanding mentorship by our members and to highlight the importance of fostering the academic and professional development of trainees in RNA research. This award is open to all current and Full Members of the RNASociety with a track record of active and impactful mentoring; mentoring can be broadly considered to include any activity that contributes to the sustained vibrancy and growth of the RNA scientific community.

Previous winners were Susan Gerbi (2022), Doug Turner (2023), and Phillip Zamore (2024).



**Roy Parker**

*Congratulations to **Roy Parker**, an HHMI investigator and a distinguished professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Colorado in Boulder, USA. As a mentor he focuses on clarity of thought and effective communication. For over three decades, Roy has cultivated a lab culture focused on the development of curiosity, rigor, and scientific integrity for his trainees. He advocates for the development of a broad skill set by graduate students during their training (2012 Mol Cell 46:377) while recognizing that every mentee is an individual who needs their own personalized approach. Parker is well known for his guidance and sponsorship - always willing to provide input into the scientific direction one should take, while also stimulating individuals to take their own path.*

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## THE RNA SOCIETY/SCARINGE YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

The RNA Society/Scaringe Young Scientist Awards were established to recognize the achievements of young scientists engaged in RNA research and to encourage them to continue to pursue a career in RNA science. In 2004 and 2005, the RNA Society/Scaringe Award was given to the student author(s) of the best paper published during the previous year in *RNA* the official journal of the RNA Society, as selected by the Editors. The winners of the 2004 and 2005 awards were Stefano Marzi and Ramesh Pillai, respectively. In 2006, eligibility for this award was opened up to all junior scientists (Graduate Students and Post-doctoral Fellows) who have made significant research contributions to the area of RNA. The award includes full support to attend the RNA Society Annual Meeting and a small cash prize.

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Previous Graduate Student winners include Jeff Barrick (2006), Malte Beringer (2007), Qi Zhang (2008), Jeremy Wilusz (2009), John Calarco (2010), Jasmine Perez (2011), Chenguang Gong (2012), Tatjana Trcek Pulic (2012), Wenwen Fang (2013), David Weinberg (2014), Samuel Sternberg (2015), Katherine Warner (2015), Ryan Flynn (2016), Nian Liu (2016), Malik Chaker-Margot (2017), Madeline Sherlock (2018), Boxuan Zhao (2018), Michael Chen (2019), Max Wilkinson (2019), Robert Battaglia (2020), Junuka Athukoralage (2021), Jonathan Bohlen (2021), Sanna Klompe (2022), Jonas Tholen (2023), and Jennifer Porat (2024).

Previous Post-doctoral Fellow winners include Megan Talkington (2006), Zefeng Wang (2007), Alexei Aravin (2008), Shobha Vasudevan (2009), Luciano Marraffinin (2010), Hani Zaher (2011), Kotaro Nakanishi (2012), Dipali Sashital (2012), Je-Hyun Yoon (2013), Jinwei Zhang (2014), Olga Anczukow-Camarda (2015), Schraga Schwartz (2015), Basil Greber (2016), Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen (2016), Zhipeng Lu (2017), Fuguo Jiang (2018), Xuebing

Wu (2019), Furqan Fazal (2020), Sebastian Fica (2020), Anna Loveland (2021), Kathrin Leppke (2021), Margaret Rodgers (2022), Charles Bou-Nader (2023), and Arnaud Vanden Broeck (2024).



**Jimmy Ly**

*Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 RNA Society/ Scaringe Young Scientist Awards:*

Graduate student **Jimmy Ly**, a doctoral trainee in the laboratory of Iain Cheeseman at The Whitehead Institute and Department of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, USA. Ly's pioneering work focuses on unraveling the molecular mechanisms regulating protein synthesis and expression of alternative protein variants during the mammalian cell cycle. His research has revealed how start codon selection plays a role in ensuring mitotic cell viability. In a separate line of research investigation, Ly has identified a crucial alternative splicing event in the transcript encoding a cell division protein, providing valuable insights into the distinct chromosome segregation behaviors observed in mitosis and meiosis.



**Chance Meers**

Postdoctoral fellow **Chance Meers**, in the Sternberg laboratory at Columbia University in New York, USA. Meers studies the evolutionary origins of fundamental RNA-guided pathways, including elucidating the mechanisms behind RNA-guided DNA cleavage by transposon-encoded nucleases that are the precursor to CRISPR systems and discovering the evolutionary roots of RNA-guided RNA 2'-O-methylation. Beyond his scientific accomplishments, Meers has been instrumental in mentoring junior scientists and fostering a vibrant intellectual community at Columbia.

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## THE ECLIPSE AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN HIGH-THROUGHPUT BIOLOGY



The Eclipse Award for Innovation in High Throughput Biology was established in 2021 to recognize research achievements by junior researchers in the growing areas of high throughput experimentation and analysis. This award, sponsored by Eclipse BioInnovations Inc., is open to all Graduate Students and Post-doctoral Fellows and is awarded based on research accomplishments in the broad area of high throughput RNA biology. The award includes full support to attend the RNA Society Annual Meeting, a small cash prize and the opportunity to interview with Eclipse BioInnovations Inc. leadership and perform an internship at their worksite in San Diego, California.

Previous winners were Oguzhan Begik (Graduate Student, 2022), Aldema Sas-Chen (Post-doctoral Fellow, 2022), Han Altae-Tran, (Graduate Student, 2023) and Shira Weingarten-Gabbay (Post-doctoral Fellow, 2023), Morghan Lucas (Graduate Student, 2024) and Giulia Biancon (2024).



**Dawn Chen**

*Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Eclipse Award for Innovation in High-Throughput Biology:*

*Graduate student **Dawn Chen**, a researcher in the laboratory of Fei Chen at The Broad Institute and Harvard University in Boston, USA. Chen has developed innovative methods for characterizing, perturbing, and engineering novel RNA regulatory mechanisms throughout the mRNA lifecycle. Her work includes creating a tool that controls gene expression by sensing specific RNA transcripts in mammalian cells and developing a system that enables long-range mutagenesis of DNA which facilitates continuous evolution across multiple cell generations. Using the latter approach, she has identified mutations in the splicing factor SF3B1 that are important for driving alternative 3' splice site usage.*



**Nandan Gokhale**

*Postdoctoral fellow **Nandan Gokhale**, in the laboratory of Ram Savan at the University of Washington, in Seattle, USA. Gokhale is employing high throughput methods to study the role of RNA in innate immune signaling complexes. Beyond his lab activities, Gokhale has made important contributions to teaching and mentoring, and serves as an independent peer reviewer for a number of scientific journals.*

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## THE RNA SOCIETY MODERNA AWARD FOR BIOMEDICAL INNOVATION IN RNA



The RNA Society Moderna Award for Biomedical Innovation in RNA recognizes innovative contributions in the use or function of RNA in biomedicine, disease processes, and treatments by independent researchers within the first ten years of their independence.

Previous winner was Raman Bahal (2024).





**Jordan Meier**

Congratulations to **Jordan Meier**, a senior investigator at the National Institutes of Health in Frederick, Maryland, USA, where his research seeks to understand the complex landscape of chemical modifications that regulate RNA function. Meier's work has illuminated fundamental principles of RNA biology by focusing on N4-acetylcytidine (ac4C). This modification offers a compelling example of RNA regulation: it is found in almost every living organism, chemically mirrors acetyl modifications that control transcription, and is installed by an essential enzyme associated with human disease. By developing innovative chemical methods, Meier has revealed how Nature deploys ac4C to stabilize RNA structure, regulate

protein synthesis, and enable cellular adaptation to stress. His work has revealed diverse roles for RNA acetylation, from enabling microbial survival at near-boiling temperatures to regulating human development and preventing cancer spread. Furthermore, studies of ac4C in synthetic mRNA are informing the development of future RNA therapeutics.





# ORAL ABSTRACT LISTINGS

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**TUESDAY, MAY 27**

## **Keynote 1: Erin Schuman**

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Introduced by Anita Corbett**

## **Keynote 2: Tracy Johnson**

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Introduced by Atlanta Cook**

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

## **Plenary Session 1: RNA Modification & Editing**

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Nicole Martinez**

### **T-1 GlycoRNA biology on the cell surface**

Ryan Flynn, Harvard University, Boston, MA, USA

### **T-2 Guide RNA translocation during mitochondrial mRNA editing in trypanosomes**

Ruslan Afasizhev<sup>1</sup>, Shiheng Liu<sup>2</sup>, Takuma Suematsu<sup>1</sup>, Clinton Yu<sup>3</sup>, Lan Huang<sup>3</sup>, Liye Zhang<sup>4</sup>, Inna Afasizheva<sup>1</sup>, Z. Hong Zhou<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA. <sup>2</sup>UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA. <sup>3</sup>UC Irvine, Irvine, CA, USA. <sup>4</sup>ShanghaiTech, Shanghai, China

### **T-3 Molecular basis of substrate recognition and catalysis by the intrinsic 16S ribosomal methyltransferase RsmI**

Mohamed Barmada, Natalia Zelinskaya, Graeme Conn, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

### **T-4 Investigating the sequence, structure, and cell-type specificity of PUS7-mediated pseudouridylation with Nanopore sequencing**

Rebecca Rodell<sup>1</sup>, Ronit Jain<sup>1</sup>, Hossein Shenasa<sup>1</sup>, Matias Montes<sup>1</sup>, Nicole Martinez<sup>1,2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Chemical and Systems Biology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA.

<sup>2</sup>Developmental Biology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA. <sup>3</sup>Sarafan ChEM-H Institute, Stanford, CA, USA

#### **T-5 PUS7 cytoplasmic localization directs a pseudouridine-mediated cellular stress response**

Minli Ruan<sup>1</sup>, Sean Engels<sup>2</sup>, Matthew Burroughs<sup>2</sup>, Dylan Bloch<sup>3</sup>, Oleksandra Fanari<sup>3</sup>, Stuart Akeson<sup>3</sup>, Daniel Eyler<sup>1</sup>, Xiaoyan Li<sup>1</sup>, Chase Weidmann<sup>1</sup>, Sara Rouhanifard<sup>3</sup>, Miten Jain<sup>3</sup>, Lydia Contreras<sup>2</sup>, Kristin Koutmou<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA. <sup>2</sup>University of Texas, Austin, Texas, USA. <sup>3</sup>Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

#### **T-6 NAT10 and N4-Acetylcytidine restrain R-loop levels and related inflammatory responses**

Turja Debnath<sup>1</sup>, Nathan Abell<sup>1</sup>, Yi-Ru Li<sup>1,2</sup>, Sravan Devanathan<sup>1</sup>, Enrique Navedo<sup>1</sup>, Blerita Xhemalço<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA. <sup>2</sup>Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, USA

#### **T-7 Balancing stem cell fates by snoRNA-guided methionine tRNA modifications and one-carbon metabolism**

Zhipeng Lu, USC, Los Angeles, CA, USA

#### **T-8 Context-dependent essentiality of RNA modifications in human cells**

Sascha Wani<sup>1</sup>, Selay Kaya<sup>1</sup>, Jiyeong Ryu<sup>1</sup>, Geraldine Rodschinka<sup>1</sup>, Danny Nedialkova<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Martinsried, Germany. <sup>2</sup>Department of Bioscience, TUM School of Natural Sciences, Technical University of Munich, Garching, Germany

## **2024 RNA Society Lifetime Achievement in Science Award Winner: Jennifer Doudna**

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**Introduced by Sandra Wolin**

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## **Concurrent 1: Translation Regulation**

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*  
**Session Chair: Chris Lapointe**

**T-9 The nuclear RNA binding protein CELF2 regulates mRNA-specific translation through controlling PUS7 expression**

Timothy Cater, Kristen Lynch, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA

### **T-10 Regulation of human translation initiation by pseudouridine**

Ryan Stanton, Wendy Gilbert, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

### **T-11 FMRP drives mRNP targets into translationally silenced complexes**

Tatsuaki Kurosaki<sup>1,2</sup>, Hana Cho<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth Abshire<sup>1</sup>, Christoph Pröschel<sup>3</sup>, Shuhei Mitsutomi<sup>1,4</sup>, Hanae Sato<sup>1,5</sup>, Eric Simko<sup>6</sup>, Christopher Fraser<sup>7</sup>, Hitomi Sakano<sup>8,9</sup>, Lynne Maquat<sup>10</sup>

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### **T-12 Systematic identification of downstream ORFs and the sequences that drive dORF translation**

Cameron Berry, Eugenia Cortina, Ariel Bazzini, Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas City, MO, USA

### **T-13 Mitochondrial profiling reveals the off-target mechanisms of antibiotics**

James Marks<sup>1</sup>, Emma Young<sup>2</sup>, Markus Hafner<sup>2</sup>, Sezen Meydan<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA. <sup>2</sup>NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA

### **T-14 Genome-wide CRISPR screens reveal an allele-specific enhancer of pathogenic C9orf72 repeat RNAs in ALS/FTD**

Lianhuan Wei<sup>1</sup>, Suzhou Yang<sup>1</sup>, Udit Sheth<sup>2</sup>, Tania Gendron<sup>2</sup>, Junjie Guo<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Yale, New Haven, Connecticut, USA. <sup>2</sup>Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida, USA

### **T-15 Deep Learning-guided analyses for full-length mRNA translation links genetic variation and diseases**

Siqi Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Chuyun Chen<sup>2</sup>, Xinshu Xiao<sup>1</sup>, Zefeng Wang<sup>3,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Integrative Biology and Physiology, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, USA. <sup>2</sup>CAS Key Laboratory of Computational Biology, Shanghai Institute of Nutrition and Health, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, Shanghai, China. <sup>3</sup>School of Life Science, Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

## Concurrent 2: Transcription, Chromatin, and Epigenetics

*Town and Country Ballroom B*

**Session Chair: Sihem Cheloufi**

**T-16 RNA Pol I activity maintains chromatin condensation and the H3K4me3 gradient essential for oogenesis, independent of ribosome production**

Raquel Mejia-Trujillo, Qiuxia Zhao, Elif Sarinay Genik

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA

**T-17 RNA:RNA duplexes in expression regulation of INO80E and HIRIP3 head-to-head overlapping protein-coding genes**

Natalia Ryczek, Aneta Łyś, Elżbieta Wanowska, Joanna Kozłowska-Masłoń, Izabela Makalowska

Institute of Human Biology and Evolution, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Wielkopolska, Poland

**T-18 A time-resolved framework for the recruitment of mRNP processing and assembly factors to a site of transcription in *S. cerevisiae***

Theresa Wechsler, Ryuta Asada, Andrew Dominguez, Rachel Montpetit, Ben Montpetit

University of California Davis, Davis, CA, USA

**T-19 Runaway transcription necessitates purine bias in bacterial coding sequences**

K Julia Dierksheide<sup>1</sup>, James Taggart<sup>2</sup>, Grace Johnson<sup>3</sup>, Gene-Wei Li<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA. <sup>2</sup>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA. <sup>3</sup>Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

**T-20 Direct RNA-seq reveals diverse effects of substitutions in Hrp1/CF1B on the 3' ends of mRNAs and non-coding RNAs**

Emma Goguen, Kylie Zawisza, Moyao Wang, David Brow

Dept. of Biomolecular Chemistry, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI, USA

**T-21 Nuclear accumulation of select RNA binding proteins induces Pol II transcriptional repression**

Sam Rider<sup>1</sup>, Britt Glaunsinger<sup>2,1,3</sup>

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## **T-22 A biophysical basis for the spreading behavior and limited diffusion of Xist**

Mingrui Ding<sup>1</sup>, Danni Wang<sup>2,3</sup>, Hui Chen<sup>4</sup>, Barry Kesner<sup>2,3</sup>, Niklas-Benedikt Grimm<sup>2,3,5</sup>, Uri Weissbein<sup>2,3</sup>, Anna Lappala<sup>6,3</sup>, Jiying Jiang<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Rivera<sup>2,3</sup>, Jizhong Lou<sup>4</sup>, Pulong Li<sup>1</sup>, Jeannie T LEE<sup>2,7</sup>

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## **Concurrent 3: New Technologies**

*Town and Country Ballroom A*

**Session Chair: Ebbe Andersen**

### **T-23 Identifying global protein biomarkers in biofluids by profiling highly complex chemically modified RNA aptamer libraries**

Jørgen Kjems, Asger Jørgensen, Daniel Dupont, Claus Bus  
Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark

### **T-24 Quantum-dot lateral flow assay to detect ribonuclease in liquids and surfaces**

Joseph Krebs, Lance Ford, Bradon Oddo  
Attogene, Austin, TX, USA

### **T-25 RNA-linked CRISPR screening decodes gene regulatory networks for RNA metabolism in human cells**

Patrick Nugent, Heungwon Park, Arvind Rasi Subramaniam  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Seattle, WA, USA

### **T-26 Break-and-repair editing of RNA with CRISPR-guided ribonucleases**

Artem Nemudry<sup>1</sup>, Anna Nemudraia<sup>1</sup>, Blake Wiedenheft<sup>2</sup>

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### **T-27 Connectome-seq: Using RNA barcodes to map brain connections and discover molecular signatures of neural circuits**

Danping Chen<sup>1</sup>, Alina Isakova<sup>2</sup>, Zhou Wan<sup>1</sup>, Mark Wagner<sup>3</sup>, Yunming Wu<sup>2</sup>, Boxuan Zhao<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-28 Spatially-resolved translome sequencing at molecular resolution in early embryogenesis**

Rena Ren<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Haowen Zhou<sup>2,4</sup>, Seth Furniss<sup>2,3</sup>, Chengjie Zhou<sup>1</sup>, Yota Hagihara<sup>1</sup>, Yi Zhang<sup>1,5</sup>, Xiao Wang<sup>2,3</sup>

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### **T-29 Local translation atlas revealed by APEX-Ribo-Seq**

Kotaro Tomuro<sup>1,2</sup>, Shintaro Iwasaki<sup>1,2</sup>, Yuichi Shichino<sup>1</sup>

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## **Concurrent 4: Viral RNAs and Innate Immunity**

*Town and Country Ballroom A*

**Session Chair: Lena Steckelberg**

### **T-30 Influenza A virus utilizes non-canonical cap-snatching to diversify viral RNAs**

Adrian Toquero, David Gorrie, Lars Luscher, Swati Srivastava, Weifeng Gu, UC Riverside, Riverside, CA, USA

### **T-31 Structural insights into RNA-mediated enteroviral genome replication**

Deepak Koirala, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, USA

### **T-32 Discovery of regulatory RNA elements through viromic screening**

C. Han Li<sup>1,2</sup>, Soo-Jin Jung<sup>1,2</sup>, Jennifer Jenny Seo<sup>1,2</sup>, V. Narry Kim<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **T-33 Genome-wide interrogation of SARS-CoV-2 protein-RNA interactions uncovers hidden regulatory sites**

Joy Xiang<sup>1</sup>, Karen Zhao<sup>1</sup>, Laliv Tadri<sup>1</sup>, Kurt Tamaru<sup>1</sup>, Brian Yee<sup>2</sup>, Katherine Rothamel<sup>2</sup>, Jasmine Mueller<sup>2</sup>, Assael Madrigal<sup>2</sup>, Samuel Park<sup>2</sup>, Rachael McVicar<sup>3</sup>, Alex Clark<sup>2</sup>, Ben Croker<sup>2</sup>, Aaron Carlin<sup>2</sup>, Sandra Leibel<sup>2</sup>, Gene Yeo<sup>2</sup>

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**T-34 Type I Interferon signalling causes a global remodelling of the cellular RNA-bound proteome**

Louisa Iselin<sup>1</sup>, Yana Demyanenko<sup>2</sup>, Azman Embarc-Buh<sup>1</sup>, Honglin Chen<sup>3</sup>, Wael Kamel<sup>1</sup>, Peter Simmonds<sup>4</sup>, Shabaz Mohammed<sup>2,4</sup>, Alfredo Castello<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Rosalind Franklin Institute, Didcot, United Kingdom. <sup>3</sup>Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom. <sup>4</sup>University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

**T-35 MERS-CoV limits protein kinase R activation by antagonizing its condensation at viral double-stranded RNA puncta**

Ebba K. Blomqvist<sup>1,2</sup>, Nicole Bracci<sup>3</sup>, Helena Winstone<sup>3</sup>, J Monty Watkins<sup>1,2</sup>, Susan Weiss<sup>3</sup>, James M Burke<sup>1</sup>

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**T-36 Cellular RNA interacts with MAVS to promote antiviral immunity**

Nandn Gokhale, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH, USA

**T-37 Y-Box binding protein 1 (YBX1) modulates RNA polymerase III transcripts to prevent autoimmunity**

Tania Strilets<sup>1</sup>, Mariano A. Garcia-Blanco<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, USA. <sup>2</sup>University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, VA, USA

**T-38 Subversion of Host DNA Transcription and Replication Machinery by a BSL-4 Model RNA Virus**

Andrea Ascura, Stephen Clarke, Manuel Ascano  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA

**T-39 Alternatively Spliced Isoforms of IRF7 Differentially Regulate Innate Immune Signaling to Respond to Viral Infection**

Asmita Panthi, Max Ferretti, Olivia Howard, Kristen Lynch  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA

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## Concurrent 5: Bioinformatics

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Xiao Wang**

**T-40 Transcriptome-wide profiling of intron retention events using a powerful intron-encoded reverse transcriptase in RNA-seq**

Li-Tao Guo, George Maio, SungHee Park, RNAConnect Inc, Branford, CT, USA

#### **T-41 NanoQuartz: Single-Molecule Profiling of Transcriptome-wide RNA Dynamics**

Junsoo Kim<sup>1</sup>, Chae Young Kwon<sup>1</sup>, Hanju Lee<sup>1</sup>, Heena Jeong<sup>1</sup>, Yongkuk Choi<sup>2</sup>, Hyeshik Chang<sup>1</sup>

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#### **T-42 Nanopore sequencing enables esophageal cancer early detection via RNA liquid biopsy**

Vikas Peddu, Alexander Hill, Daniel Kim, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA

#### **T-43 piRNA pathways in terrestrial slugs: Evolutionary insights from germline and somatic small RNA landscapes**

Kateryna Nemesh<sup>1</sup>, Tobiáš Ber<sup>1</sup>, Josef Pasulka<sup>1</sup>, Filip Horvat<sup>1,2</sup>, Kristian Vlahovicek<sup>2</sup>, Petr Svoboda<sup>1</sup>

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#### **T-44 Multi-omic lineage tracing predicts the transcriptional, epigenetic and genetic determinants of cancer evolution**

Francesco Nicassio, Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia (IIT), Milan, Italy

#### **T-45 Mapping snoRNA-target RNA interactions in an RNA binding protein-dependent manner with chimeric eCLIP**

Zhuoyi Song<sup>1</sup>, Bongmin Bae<sup>2</sup>, Simon Schnabl<sup>2</sup>, Fei Yuan<sup>1</sup>, Thareendra De Zoysa<sup>2</sup>, Maureen V Akinyi<sup>1</sup>, Charlotte A Le Roux<sup>1</sup>, Karine Choquet<sup>3</sup>, Amanda J Whipple<sup>2</sup>, Eric L Van Nostrand<sup>1</sup>

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#### **T-46 A comprehensive meta-analysis to test thermodynamic models for RNA binding protein specificity and function**

Gabriel Tauber<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Herschlag<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### **T-47 ASTRO enables spatial exploration of whole transcriptome in archival FFPE tissues**

Dingyao Zhang, Zhiyuan Chu, Yiran Huo, Zhiliang Bai, Rong Fan, Jun Lu, Mark Gerstein, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

#### **T-48 A foundation language model to decipher diverse regulation of RNAs**

Hanwen Zhou<sup>1,2</sup>, Yue Hu<sup>3</sup>, Yulong Zheng<sup>2</sup>, Jiefu Li<sup>2</sup>, Jielong Peng<sup>2</sup>, Jiang Hu<sup>4</sup>, Yun Yang<sup>4</sup>, Guoqing Zhang<sup>2</sup>, Zefeng Wang<sup>1,2</sup>

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#### **T-49 Exploring the splicing landscape of the Cyanidiales reveals crucial insights into both the mechanisms underlying evolutionary intron loss and spliceosomal complexity**

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## **Concurrent 6: RNA Structure, Folding and Modeling**

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**Session Chair: Katie Eichhorn**

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#### **T-50 RNA structural patterns at 3' splice sites altered by SF3B1 K700E mutation**

Austin Herbert, Abigail Hatfield, Alexandra Randazza, Valeria Miyamoto, Katie Palmer, Lela Lackey, Clemson University, Clemson, SC, USA

#### **T-51 Functional insights into regulatory RNA structure with critical roles in vitro and in vivo in murine norovirus**

Tanja Hann, Arya Okten, Renata Filler, Craig Wilen, Anna Marie Pyle, Yale University, New Haven, USA

#### **T-52 Decoding lncRNA structure beyond sequence through AI**

Nicolás Aira, Mercedes Castro Figueroa, Uciel Chorostecki  
Department of Biomedical Sciences, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain

**T-53 Direct measurement of RNA G-quadruplex folding topologies by multi-site DMS probing**

Rebekah Rothacher<sup>1</sup>, Bryan Guzman<sup>2</sup>, Daniel Dominguez<sup>2</sup>, Anthony Mustoe<sup>1</sup>

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**T-54 Characterization of 3D RNA structural features in DMS reactivity**

Sanduni Deenalattha, Chris Jurich, Bret Lange, Darren Armstrong, Kaitlyn Nein, Joseph Yesselman, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, USA

**T-55 Serum stable RNA origami nanodevices with 2'-FY-modification for sensing and targeting in vivo**

Emil Kristoffersen<sup>1</sup>, Nikolaj Zwergius<sup>1</sup>, Nestor Vallina<sup>2</sup>, Nicolas Glück<sup>3</sup>, Amanda Stange<sup>1</sup>, Lasse Desdorf<sup>1</sup>, Laia Civit<sup>1</sup>, Cody Geary<sup>4</sup>, Jørgen Kjems<sup>1</sup>, Julian Valero<sup>1</sup>, Ebbe Andersen<sup>1</sup>

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**T-56 Naturally ornate RNA homo-oligomeric complexes**

Rachael Kretsch<sup>1</sup>, Yuan Wu<sup>1</sup>, Svetlana Shabalina<sup>2</sup>, Hyunbin Lee<sup>1</sup>, Grace Nye<sup>1</sup>, Eugene Koonin<sup>2</sup>, Alex Gao<sup>1</sup>, Rhiju Das<sup>1</sup>, Wah Chiu<sup>1</sup>

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**T-57 Cryo-EM structure of a natural RNA nanocage**

Xiaobin Ling<sup>1</sup>, Dmitrij Golovenko<sup>1</sup>, Jianhua Gan<sup>2</sup>, Jinbiao Ma<sup>2</sup>, Andrei A. Korostelev<sup>3</sup>, Wenwen Fang<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Umass Chan Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. <sup>2</sup>Fudan University, Shanghai, China. <sup>3</sup>Umass Chan Medical School, Worcester, USA

**T-58 Structure of a hibernating archaeal ribosome with a divergent active site**

Amos Nissley, Yekaterina Shulgina, Roan Kivimae, Blake Downing, Petar Penev, Jillian Banfield, Dipti Nayak, Jamie Cate, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA

**T-59 RNA structuromics: Perturbing bacterial ribosome assembly at single-nucleotide resolution**

Kai Sheng, Scripps Research Institute, San Diego, California, USA

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**THURSDAY, MAY 29**

**Plenary Session 2: RNA and Disease**

*Thursday, May 29, Town and Country Ballroom C&D*

**Session Chair: Paul Donlin-Asp**

### **T-60 RNA splicing regulation of T cell exhaustion**

Yuxi Ai, Beatrice Zhang, Joshua Schoenfeld, Maxim Maron, Jahan Rahman, Simon Hogg, Charlotte Ariyan, Benjamin Greenbaum, Santosha Vardhana, Omar Abdel-Wahab, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, USA

### **T-61 Integrative CRISPR Screens and RNA-Omics Discover an Essential Role for PUF60-3' Splice Site Interactions in Cancer Progression**

Alexandra Tankka, Corina Antal, Gene Yeo, UCSD, La Jolla, CA, USA

### **T-62 Dysregulated RNA splicing propels tumorigenesis and presents therapeutic targets in lung cancer**

Yufang Bao<sup>1</sup>, Yueren Yan<sup>2</sup>, Ning Wang<sup>3</sup>, Zefeng Wang<sup>4</sup>, Yongbo Wang<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-63 Regulated intron retention directs the timely usage of transcripts during cardiac maturation**

Subhashis Natua, Ishita Purwar, Sandip Chorghade, Diptatanu Das, Auinash Kalsotra, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA

### **T-64 Alternative start codon selection shapes mitochondrial adaptation during evolution, homeostasis, and disease**

Jimmy Ly<sup>1</sup>, Yi Fei Tao<sup>1</sup>, Ekaterina Khalizeva<sup>1</sup>, Matteo Di Bernardo<sup>1</sup>, Christopher Giuliano<sup>1</sup>, Sebastian Lourido<sup>1</sup>, Mark Fleming<sup>2</sup>, Iain Cheeseman<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-65 Codon-dependent regulation of gene expression during dengue virus infection**

Luciana Castellano<sup>1</sup>, Ryan McNamara<sup>1</sup>, Horacio Pallares<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Gamarnik<sup>2</sup>, Diego Alvarez<sup>3</sup>, Ariel Bazzini<sup>1,4</sup>

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## Keynote 3: Matt Disney

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Introduced by Zefeng Wang**

**K-3 The druggable transcriptome project: From chemical probes to precision medicines**

Matt Disney, The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for Biomedical Innovation & technology, Jupiter, fl, USA

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## Plenary Session 3: RNA Therapeutics I

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*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Kristopher Brannan**

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**T-66 Reversal of myotonic dystrophy with artificial RNA enzymes targeting CUG repeat expansions**

Miaowei Mao<sup>1</sup>, Tong Wei<sup>2</sup>, Zefeng Wang<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Shanghai Institute of Immunity and Infection, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai, China. <sup>2</sup>Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China

**T-67 From missense to antisense: Splicing modulation therapies for POLR3-Related leukodystrophies**

Benoît Chabot<sup>1,2</sup>, Lulzim Shkreta<sup>3,2</sup>, Aurélie Delannoy<sup>1</sup>

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**T-68 3'-end stabilization increases cellular half-life and improves potency of mRNA therapeutics**

Joshua Zimmer, Brian Fritz, Valeri Taruno, Marissa Licata, Joseph Chan, Groves Dixon, Adriana Jones, David Reid, Eckhard Jankowsky, Alicia Bicknell  
Moderna, Cambridge, MA, USA

**T-69 RNA-only delivery for site-specific transgene addition to the human genome by retrotransposon-protein mediated DNA synthesis**

Kathleen Collins, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA

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## Concurrent 7: The Current and Future State of RNA Medicines

*Town and Country Ballroom A*

**Panel hosted by the RNA Society Junior Scientists Group**

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## Concurrent 8: RNA Therapeutics II

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Alicia Bicknell**

### **T-70 Exogenous RNA surveillance by proton-sensing TRIM25**

Myeonghwan Kim<sup>1,2</sup>, Youngjoon Pyo<sup>1,2</sup>, Seong-In Hyun<sup>1,2</sup>, Minseok Jeong<sup>1,2</sup>, Yeon Choi<sup>1,2</sup>, V. Narry Kim<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **T-71 A Novel Circular RNA Vaccine Platform for Chikungunya**

Daniel L. Kiss<sup>1,2</sup>, Nada Bejar<sup>1</sup>, Daniel R. Boutz<sup>3</sup>, Murilo T.D. Bueno<sup>1</sup>, Kathrina Castillo<sup>1</sup>, Tulsi Ram Damase<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth A. Davis<sup>1,4</sup>, Wataru Horikawa<sup>1</sup>, Andrew P. Horton<sup>3</sup>, Shaunak Kar<sup>3</sup>, Sana Koubaa Kharrat<sup>1</sup>, Honyi Li<sup>1</sup>, Chiara Mancino<sup>5,6</sup>, Amanda Mareth<sup>7</sup>, Brooke Mitchell<sup>7</sup>, Jessica A. Plante<sup>7</sup>, Ankita Rao<sup>1</sup>, Rachel Reyna<sup>7</sup>, Chotiawat Seephetdee<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Segall-Shapiro<sup>3</sup>, Vrutant V. Shah<sup>1</sup>, Raghav Shroff<sup>3</sup>, Trinh T. Tat<sup>1</sup>, Xiaoxiao Wang<sup>1</sup>, Qing Yan<sup>1</sup>, Kristopher W. Brannan<sup>1</sup>, Jimmy Gollihar<sup>3,8</sup>, Kenneth Plante<sup>7</sup>, Francesca Taraballi<sup>5,6</sup>, Scott Weaver<sup>7</sup>, John P. Cooke<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **T-72 The long non-coding RNA Lnc-RAINY regulates genes involved in radiation susceptibility through DNA:DNA:RNA triplex-forming interactions and has tumor therapeutic potential in lung cancers**

Ivan Martinez, Emily Westemeier-Rice

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, USA

### **T-73 Chemically and topologically modified branched mRNA with enhanced translation capacity**

Hongyu Chen<sup>1,2</sup>, Dangliang Liu<sup>1,2</sup>, Abhishek Aditham<sup>1,2</sup>, Jianting Guo<sup>1,2</sup>, Jiahao Huang<sup>1,2</sup>, Franklin Kostas<sup>1,2</sup>, Kamal Maher<sup>1,2</sup>, Mirco Friedrich<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Ramnik Xavier<sup>2,5</sup>, Feng Zhang<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Xiao Wang<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **T-74 Programmable RNA-sensing elements for targeted activation of mRNA platforms**

Kristopher Brannan, Ricardo Noriega, Vrutant Shah, Thy Nguyen, Martin Requena  
Houston Methodist Research Institute, Houston, Texas, USA

### **T-75 Complementation of a human disease phenotype by intercellular mRNA transfer**

Gal Haimovich, Sandipan Dasgupta, Anand Govindan-Ravi, Jeffrey E. Gerst  
Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

### **T-76 Small molecule recognition of positive-sense viral RNA regulatory structures to inhibit translation**

TinTin Luu<sup>1</sup>, Josie van de Klashorst<sup>2</sup>, Kanika Chopra<sup>3</sup>, Shinya Suzuki<sup>2</sup>, Amanda Hargrove<sup>1</sup>

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## **Concurrent 9: Training Future Scientists Through RNA**

*Town and Country Ballroom B*

**Session Chair: Suzanne Lee**

### **T-77 Exploring gene expression changes in response to cellular stress via a scalable, modular and investigative lab suitable for introductory biology students**

Angie Hilliker, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, USA

### **T-78 Empowering undergraduate research through a course-based approach: The superlab experience at Haverford College**

Amy Cooke, Haverford College, Haverford, PA, USA

**T-79 A CURE laboratory course for student exploration in research at the chemistry-biology interface using fluorogenic RNA aptamers**

Catherine Eichhorn, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, USA

**T-80 Increasing access to undergraduate research experiences at Loyola Marymount University through an RNA-centric course-based undergraduate research experience in an Advanced Biochemistry Lab Course**

Sandhya Krishnan<sup>1</sup>, Lisa Corwin<sup>1</sup>, Kathryn Mouzakis<sup>2</sup>

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**T-81 The RNA hero's journey – A storytelling framework for RNA education**

Belén Moro, Science As Stories, Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain

**T-82 Enhancing RNA education and scientific development through a collaborative structure-function course-based research experience**

Megan Filbin<sup>1</sup>, Janet Filbin<sup>2</sup>

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**T-83 The Toxic RNA Lab: Expanding undergraduate research opportunities through Curricular Undergraduate Research Experiences**

Jeremy Sanford, John Tamkun, Guido Bordignon

University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA

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**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

## **Plenary Session 4: Translation Mechanisms**

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Sezen Meyden**

**T-84 The mechanism of mRNA activation**

Riley Gentry<sup>1</sup>, Nicholas Ide<sup>1</sup>, Victoria Comunale<sup>1</sup>, Erik Hartwick<sup>1,2</sup>, Colin Kinz-Thompson<sup>1,3</sup>, Ruben Gonzalez, Jr.<sup>1</sup>

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**T-85 eIF1 and eIF5 dynamically control translation start site fidelity**

Rosslyn Grosely<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Alvarado<sup>1</sup>, Sydney McGuire<sup>2</sup>, Niseema Pachikara<sup>2</sup>, Oliver Nicholson<sup>2</sup>, Ivaylo Ivanov<sup>3</sup>, Jody Puglisi<sup>1</sup>, Tom Dever<sup>3</sup>, Chris Lapointe<sup>2</sup>

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WA, USA. <sup>3</sup>Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, USA

**T-86 Investigating a role for DDX6 in regulating the co-translational assembly of protein complexes**

Joseph Waldron<sup>1</sup>, James Ettles<sup>1</sup>, Pauline Herviou<sup>1</sup>, Tobias Schmidt<sup>1</sup>, Sarah Gillen<sup>1</sup>, Jonathan Bohlen<sup>2</sup>, Ania Wilczynska<sup>1</sup>, Martin Bushell<sup>1</sup>

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**T-87 How do cells distinguish between a functional translation pause and a harmful pathological stall?**

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University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA

**T-88 Single-molecule imaging of protein-mRNA interactions in live cells reveals ZNF598 as a limiting factor in disassembling collided ribosomes**

Ana De La Cruz, Bin Wu

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA

**T-89 Translational control of transcripts with allele specific expression during mouse embryo development**

Dayea Park, Can Cenik, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA

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## Keynote 4: Ling-Ling Chen

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Introduced by Jørgen Kjems**

**K-4 Biogenesis, function and application of circular RNAs**

Ling-Ling Chen

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## Concurrent 10: RNA Processing Events

*Town and Country Ballroom A*

**Session Chair: Jeff Chao**

### **T-90 Large-scale tethered screen of RNA-binding proteins reveals novel regulators of poly(A) site selection**

Pratibha Jagannatha<sup>1</sup>, Yoseop Yoon<sup>2</sup>, Samuel Landry<sup>1</sup>, Jack Naritomi<sup>1</sup>, Lijun Zhan<sup>3</sup>, Sara Olson<sup>3</sup>, Xintao Wei<sup>3</sup>, Lena Street<sup>4</sup>, Liang Liu<sup>2</sup>, Joshua Jeong<sup>2</sup>, Jack Reid<sup>2</sup>, Lindsey Soles<sup>2</sup>, Elijah Rosales<sup>1</sup>, Vicky Chen<sup>1</sup>, Shuhao Xu<sup>1</sup>, Avery Pong<sup>1</sup>, Marko Jovanovic<sup>4</sup>, Brenton Graveley<sup>3</sup>, Yongsheng Shi<sup>2</sup>, Gene Yeo<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-91 Cytoplasmic mRNA decay by anti-viral nuclease RNase L promotes transcriptional repression**

Xiaowen Mao<sup>1</sup>, Sherzod Tokamov<sup>1</sup>, Felix Pahmeier<sup>2</sup>, Jinyi Xu<sup>3</sup>, Azra Lari<sup>1</sup>, Eva Harris<sup>2</sup>, Britt Glaunsinger<sup>1,4</sup>

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### **T-92 Composition and RNA binding specificity of metazoan RNase MRP**

Yuan Liu<sup>1</sup>, Shiyang He<sup>1</sup>, Kawon Pyo<sup>1</sup>, Shanshan Zheng<sup>2</sup>, Meijuan Chen<sup>1</sup>, Sihem Cheloufi<sup>1</sup>, Nikolai Slavov<sup>2</sup>, William F Marzluff<sup>3</sup>, Jernej Murn<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-93 dFORCE reveals the multimodal timing of pre-mRNA processing *in vivo***

AJ Sethi<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Marco Guarnacci<sup>1</sup>, Azusa Hayashi<sup>1</sup>, Madhu Kanchi<sup>1</sup>, Takayuki Nojima<sup>4</sup>, Eduardo Eyras<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Rippei Hayashi<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-94 Less is more: Converting IscB and Cas9 into versatile RNA-guided RNA editors by switching off their DNA-binding activity**

Chengtao Xu, Xiaolin Niu, Haifeng Sun, Ailong Ke  
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

# Concurrent 11: Splicing Mechanisms and Regulation

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Ruixue Wan**

## **T-95 Splicing fidelity influences the fate of mRNA molecules**

Eraj Khokhar, Kaitlyn Brokaw, Nida Javeed, Zachary Kartje, Ayush Kumar, Sanabria Valeria, Jonathan Watts, [Athma Pai](#)  
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## **T-96 SENA1: A Novel Intrinsically Disordered Protein That Repairs Splicing of Distorted Branch Point Sequences**

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## **T-97 Intron-mediated delays in gene expression control ~24-hour circadian rhythms**

Ye Yuan, Amanda Linskens, [Swathi Yadlapalli](#), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

## **T-98 Mammalian aging involves genome-wide splicing degeneration leading to functional decline**

[Sirui Zhang](#), Alexander Tyshkovskiy, Vadim Gladyshev  
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

## **T-99 Mechanistic insights into catalysis of the U12-type spliceosome**

Rui Bai<sup>1,2</sup>, Han Guo<sup>1,2</sup>, Yaping Ge<sup>1</sup>, Ting Luo<sup>1,2</sup>, [Ruixue Wan](#)<sup>1,2</sup>

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## Plenary Session 5: Alternative Splicing

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Yongbo Wang**

## **T-100 Decoding the pre-mRNA structurome in alternative splicing regulation**

[Jianhui Bai](#), Kongpan Li, Zhipeng Lu, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA



**T-101 Systematic discovery of cell type-specific alternative splicing determinants using massively parallel reporter assays**

Xi Dawn Chen<sup>1,2</sup>, Maile Jim<sup>1,2</sup>, Mounica Vallurupalli<sup>1</sup>, Kai Cao<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Navarro Torres<sup>1</sup>, Yifan Zhang<sup>1</sup>, David Wollensak<sup>1</sup>, Qiyu Gong<sup>1</sup>, Jing Sun<sup>1,2</sup>, Anisha Laumas<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer Roth<sup>1</sup>, Todd Golub<sup>1</sup>, Fei Chen<sup>1</sup>

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**T-102 The ultraconserved poison exons of SRSF3 and TRA2B are essential for pluripotent cells**

Nathan Leclair<sup>1,2</sup>, Mattia Brugiolo<sup>3</sup>, Isha Walawalker<sup>3</sup>, Ryan Englander<sup>3</sup>, Mallory Ryan<sup>3</sup>, Caleb Heffner<sup>4</sup>, Justin McDonough<sup>3</sup>, William Skarnes<sup>3</sup>, Steve Murray<sup>4</sup>, Olga Anczukow<sup>3,5</sup>

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**T-103 A conserved poison microexon for neuronal longevity**

Sika Zheng<sup>1</sup>, Lin Lin<sup>1</sup>, Wei Jiang<sup>2</sup>, Peter Stoilov<sup>3</sup>, Liang Chen<sup>2</sup>

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**T-104 Structural and functional basis for selective transcriptomic effects of anti-tumor SF3B1 inhibitors**

Suzanne Mays<sup>1</sup>, Sophie Bonnal<sup>1</sup>, Marat Pavlyukov<sup>1</sup>, Federica Battistini<sup>2</sup>, Andrew MacRae<sup>1</sup>, Modesto Orozco<sup>2</sup>, Vladimir Pena<sup>3</sup>, Juan Valcarcel<sup>1,4,5</sup>

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## Plenary 6: RNA and Neuroscience

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Ezgi Hacisuleyman**

**T-105 Live single-transcript imaging reveals a global shift in particle dynamics during neuronal development**

Aileen-Diane Bamford<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Gilles Gut<sup>2</sup>, Tim-Oliver Buchholz<sup>3</sup>, Ryoko Okamoto<sup>2</sup>, Barbara Treutlein<sup>2</sup>, Franka Voigt<sup>1</sup>

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**T-106 Activity-dependent local regulation of Camk2a mRNA confers persistent supply of CaMKII $\alpha$  at the postsynaptic dendritic spine**

Dong-Woo Hwang<sup>1</sup>, Sulagna Das<sup>2</sup>, Robert H. Singer<sup>1</sup>

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**T-107 An RNA binding protein functions as a key coordinator of cellular metabolism and neuronal function**

Jordan Goldy, Heath Dunlop, Kenneth Moberg, Anita Corbett  
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

**T-108 Investigating tissue-specific consequences of neuropathy-causing RNA exosome mutations in drosophila**

Lauryn Higginson<sup>1</sup>, Alex Cerda<sup>1</sup>, Kevin He<sup>2</sup>, Mayra Rodriguez<sup>1</sup>,  
Guillaume Chanfreau<sup>2</sup>, Derrick Morton<sup>1</sup>

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**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**Plenary Session 7: RNA Surveillance and Degradation**

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Derrick Morton**

**T-109 Multiple RNA quality control checkpoints safeguard the biogenesis of small nuclear RNAs**

Tiantai Ma, Claire Huntington, Jens Lykke-Andersen  
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**T-110 Deciphering the code: codons, codon-codon interactions, amino acids, and peptide bonds regulate mRNA stability**

Haejeong Lee, Damir Musaev, Charles Vejnar, Srikar Krishna, Ethan Strayer,  
Jean-Denis Beaudoin, Mario Abdelmessih, Antonio Giraldez  
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

**T-111 Structural and functional insights into the MTR4-NRDE2-CCDC174 Complex establish a direct link between mRNA splicing surveillance and RNA degradation**

Sebastian Falk, Toni Manolova, Max Perutz Labs, Vienna, Austria

**T-112 Identification of human pathways acting on nuclea non-coding RNAs using the mirror forward genetic approach**

Rui Che<sup>1,2</sup>, Monireh Panah<sup>1,2</sup>, Bhoomi Mirani<sup>1,2</sup>, Krista Knowles<sup>1,2</sup>, Anastacia Ostapovich<sup>3</sup>, Debarati Majumdar<sup>1,2</sup>, Xiaotong Chen<sup>1</sup>, Joseph DeSimone<sup>1</sup>, William White<sup>1</sup>, Megan Noonan<sup>1</sup>, Hong Luo<sup>1</sup>, Andrei Alexandrov<sup>1,2</sup>

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**T-113 The Drosha homolog Rnt1 regulates protein-coding genes by directly cleaving a range of mRNAs**

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**T-114 Cell Type- and Factor-Specific NMD**

Kun Tan, Jonathan Sebat, Miles Wilkinson  
University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA

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## Plenary Session 8: RNA Protein Interactions

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**Session Chair: Daniel Dominguez**

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**T-115 A Deep Dive into the Landscape of Arthropod RNA Binding Proteins**

Zaydah de Laurent<sup>1</sup>, Wael Kamel<sup>1</sup>, Yana Demyanenko<sup>2,3</sup>, Rozeena Arif<sup>1</sup>, Alexandra Wilson<sup>4</sup>, Shabaz Mohammed<sup>2,3</sup>, Alain Kohl<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin Brennan<sup>1</sup>, Alfredo Castello<sup>1</sup>

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**T-116 Structural mechanism of LINE-1 target-primed reverse transcription**

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**T-117 The DND1-NANOS3 Ribonucleoprotein Complex controls germline development by suppressing the expression of a network of genes by binding a high-information-content cis-acting element in mRNA 3' untranslated regions**

Masataka Suzawa<sup>1</sup>, Ahsan Polash<sup>1</sup>, Chen Qiu<sup>2</sup>, Alexis Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Wataru Horikawa<sup>3</sup>, Eugene Valkov<sup>3</sup>, Traci Hall<sup>2</sup>, Masashi Yamaji<sup>4</sup>, Markus Hafner<sup>1</sup>  
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**T-118 Dynamic remodeling of long-range flavivirus RNA interactions by host translation initiation factors**

Michael Palo, Betty Ha, Christopher Lapointe, Carlos Alvarado, John Janetzko, Jan Carette, Joseph Puglisi, Elisabetta Viani Puglisi  
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**T-119 Unraveling the hypoxia-dependent regulations of RNA-protein interactions**

Arne Praznik, Max-Delbrück-Centrum, Berlin, Berlin, Germany

**T-120 Local destabilization of 16S rRNA drives functional adaptation in chimeric ribosomes**

Tushar Raskar<sup>1</sup>, Alan Costello<sup>2</sup>, James Fraser<sup>1</sup>, Ahmed Badran<sup>3</sup>  
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## Concurrent 12: RNA Condensates

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Maria Hondele**

**T-121 RNA multivalency plays a key role in biomolecular condensate properties both in vivo and in vitro**

Sierra Cole<sup>1,2</sup>, Christine Roden<sup>3</sup>, Amy Gladfelter<sup>2</sup>  
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**T-122 Controlling intermolecular base pairing in Drosophila germ granules by mRNA folding and its implications in fly development**

Siran Tian<sup>1</sup>, Hung Nguyen<sup>2,3</sup>, Ziqing Ye<sup>1,4</sup>, Silvi Rouskin<sup>5</sup>, D. Thirumalai<sup>3</sup>, Tatjana Trcek<sup>1</sup>

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#### **T-123 HS-AFM Unveils Stepwise Condensation Dynamics in RNA-Mediated LLPS**

SM Neaz Mahmud, Noriyuki Kodera, Hanae Sato, Nano Life Science Institute (WPI-NanoLSI), Kanazawa University, Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan

#### **T-124 Investigating the role of the neuroprotective RNA chaperone RBM3 in stress granules**

Silvia Scalzitti<sup>1</sup>, Henri Niskanen<sup>2</sup>, Denes Hnisz<sup>2</sup>, Florian Heyd<sup>1</sup>

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#### **T-125 Condensates containing phosphorylated SR proteins expose RNA at their surfaces and enhance splicing in vitro**

Noémie Kocielek, Rajika Arora, Jianning Jiang, Anuradha Bhat, Timo Greter, Maria Escura Pérez, Tamara Kazeeva, Antoine Cléry, Frédéric Allain  
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#### **T-126 Tag with Caution - How most tags influence biomolecular condensation in vivo and in vitro**

Kerstin Dörner<sup>1</sup>, Michelle Jennifer Gut<sup>1</sup>, Daan Overwijn<sup>1</sup>, Fan Cao<sup>2</sup>, Matej Siketanc<sup>1</sup>, Stephanie Heinrich<sup>1</sup>, Nicole Beuret<sup>1</sup>, Timothy Sharp<sup>1</sup>, Kresten Lindorff-Larsen<sup>2</sup>, Maria Hondele<sup>1</sup>

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#### **T-127 Immunofluorescent probes for live-cell RNA imaging**

Hasan Al Banna<sup>1</sup>, Kimberley Berg<sup>2</sup>, Tasnia Sadat<sup>1</sup>, Naba Krishna Das<sup>1</sup>, Roshan Paudel<sup>3</sup>, Victoria D'Souza<sup>2</sup>, Deepak Koirala<sup>1</sup>

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## **Concurrent 13: Ribosome Biogenesis**

*Town and Country Ballroom A*

**Session Chair: Yoon-Mo Yang**

**T-128 ZNHIT6 interacts with NPM1 to coordinate snoRNP biogenesis with other nucleolar processes**

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**T-129 Protein determinants of RNase MRP specificity and function**

Eric Smith<sup>1,2</sup>, Jimmy Ly<sup>1,2</sup>, Sofia Haug<sup>1,2</sup>, Iain Cheeseman<sup>1,2</sup>

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**T-130 A DEAD-box-ATPase mediated checkpoint avoids RNA misfolding**

Zahrat El Oula Hassoun<sup>1</sup>, Xin Liu<sup>2</sup>, Emma Irbe<sup>1</sup>, Katrin Karbstein<sup>1</sup>

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**T-131 NMD3 and TIF6 gate the release of defective 60S ribosomal subunits into translation**

Ruta Chitale<sup>1</sup>, Kaoling Guan<sup>2</sup>, Shilpa Rao<sup>2</sup>, Can Cenik<sup>2</sup>, David Taylor<sup>1,2</sup>, Arlen Johnson<sup>1,2</sup>

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**T-132 Evolutionary origins of archaeal and eukaryotic RNA-guided RNA modification in IS110 transposons**

Chance Meers<sup>1</sup>, Hugo Vaysset<sup>2</sup>, Jean Cury<sup>2</sup>, Aude Bernheim<sup>2</sup>, Samuel Sternberg<sup>1</sup>

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**T-133 Mapping and engineering RNA-controlled architecture of the multiphase nucleolus**

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**T-134 Subcellular-specific RNA structural remodeling revealed by RAID-MaP**

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## Concurrent 14: RNA Transport and Localization

*Town and Country Ballroom B*

**Session Chair: Dorothy Lerit**

### **T-135 LENG8 mediates RNA nuclear retention**

Lusong Tian, Yoseop Yoon, Liang Liu, Lindsey Soles, Marielle Valdez, Joshua Jeong, Jack Reid, Yongsheng Shi, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, School of Medicine, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, USA

### **T-136 Structures and mRNP remodeling mechanism of the TREX-2 complex**

Yihu Xie<sup>1</sup>, Bradley Clarke<sup>1</sup>, Dongqi Xie<sup>2</sup>, Beatriz Fontoura<sup>2</sup>, Yi Ren<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-137 Profiling the transcriptome composition and dynamics of nuclear speckles using SLAM-RT&Tag**

Nadiya Khyzha<sup>1</sup>, Kami Ahmad<sup>1</sup>, Steven Henikoff<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **T-138 Polysomes and mRNA control the biophysical properties of the eukaryotic cytoplasm**

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### **T-139 PUS7 cytoplasmic localization directs a pseudouridine-mediated cellular stress response**

Minli Ruan<sup>1</sup>, Sean Engels<sup>2</sup>, Matthew Burroughs<sup>2</sup>, Dylan Bloch<sup>3</sup>, Oleksandra Fanari<sup>3</sup>, Stuart Akesson<sup>3</sup>, Daniel Eyler<sup>1</sup>, Xiaoyan Li<sup>1</sup>, Chase Weidmann<sup>1</sup>, Sara Rouhanifard<sup>3</sup>, Miten Jain<sup>3</sup>, Lydia Contreras<sup>2</sup>, Kristin Koutmou<sup>1</sup>

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### **T-140 Motor transport and ribosome anchoring kinetically control mitochondrial mRNA localization**

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### **T-141 Determinants of RNA localization to centrosomes**

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## Concurrent 15: lncRNAs and circRNAs

*Town and Country Ballroom C & D*

**Session Chair: Tony Mustoe**

### **T-142 Theta ribozymes: Making the cut in tRNA maturation**

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### **T-143 Splicing factor SRSF3 coordinates with mutant SF3B1 to drive cryptic circRNA biogenesis**

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### **T-144 A conserved circular RNA-protein interaction regulates antiviral defense across species**

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### **T-145 The molecular mechanism of HERV-H RNA in maintaining stem cell identity**

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### **T-146 Free tRNA introns act as novel complementarity-dependent regulatory RNAs**

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## Concurrent 16: miRNA and siRNA

*Town and Country Ballroom A*

**Session Chair: Sebastian Falk**

### **T-147 Distinct SUMOylation ‘hot spots’ in piRNA biogenesis and function**

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### **T-148 Determine the mechanism for piRNA degradation**

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### **T-149 Dynamics of miR-34a in human Argonaute2**

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### **T-150 Structural basis for gene silencing by siRNAs in humans**

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### **T-151 A menagerie of endogenous site architectures mediates mammalian target-directed miRNA degradation**

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## Concurrent 17: Diverse RNA Processes

*Town and Country Ballroom B*

**Session Chair: Colin Wu**

### **T-152 Protein-primed DNA homopolymer synthesis by an antiviral reverse transcriptase**

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**T-153 RNA-coupled CRISPR screens uncover ZNF207 as a novel regulator of LMNA aberrant splicing linked to progeria**

Jeongjin Kim, Amit Behera, Shreya Kordale, Arun Damodaran, Thomas Gonatopoulos-Pournatzis, RNA Biology Laboratory, Center for Cancer Research (CCR), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Frederick, MD, USA

**T-154 Translation of fragmented transcripts induces innate immunity and cell death**

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**T-155 Noncanonical activity of tRNA genes for interferon signaling utilizes selective RNA Pol III terminators and is suppressible by the La protein/SSB**

Alan Kessler, Sandy Mattijssen, Gennady Margolin, Alex Vassilev, Markus Hafner, Rich Maraia, NIH, Bethesda, USA

**T-156 A new noncanonical biogenesis pathway generates a germline enriched miRNA family in *C. elegans***

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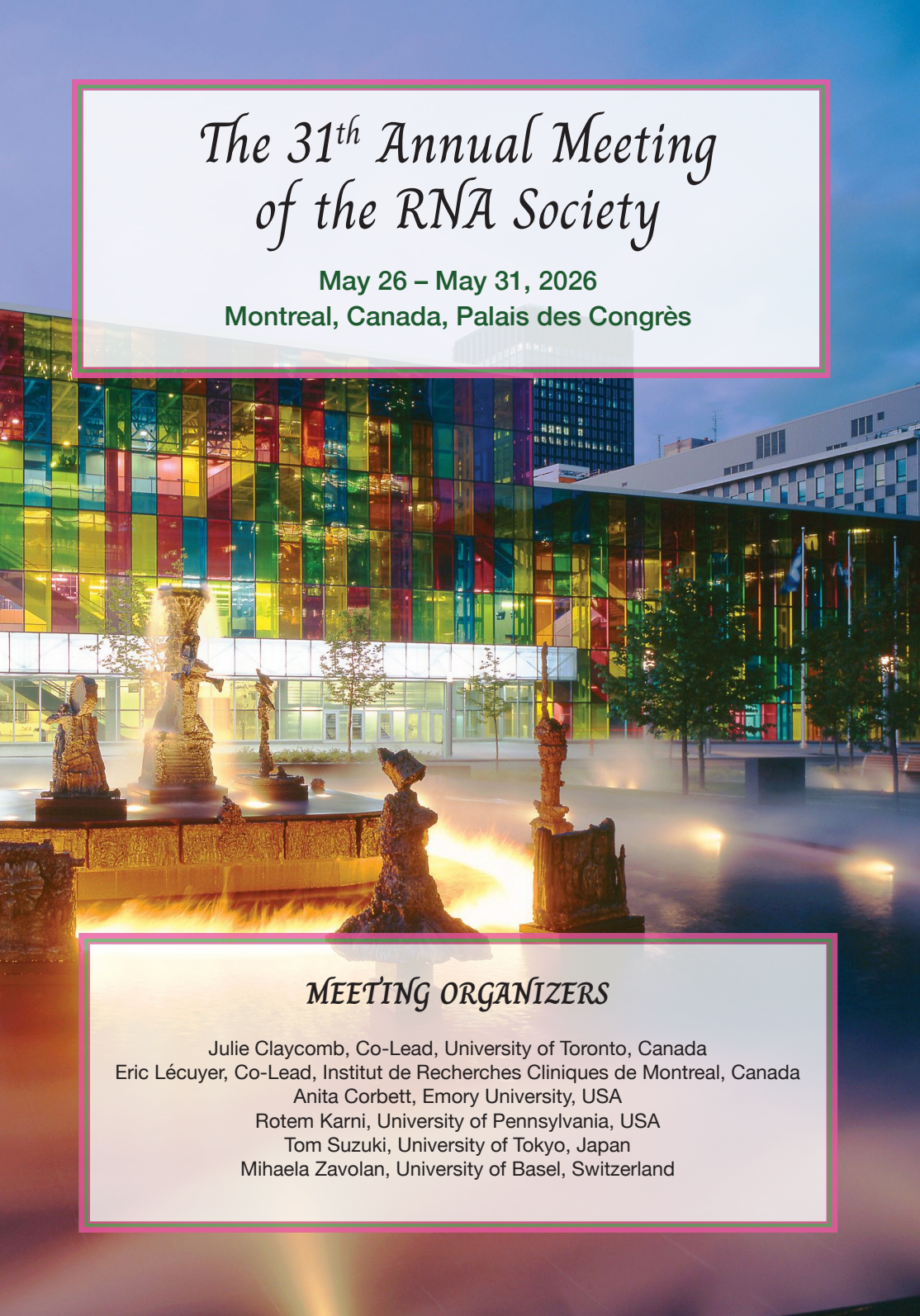
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