

Arthritis Unmasked: Genetics, Treatments and Partnerships

Arthritis Alliance of Canada

2nd Annual Conference and Research Symposium

Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel

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October 30 – November 1, 2014

Thursday, October 30, 2014		
8:30 am - 10:00 am	AAC Advocacy & Awareness Workshop	
10:00 am -10:30 am	Health Break	
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	AAC Patient/Consumer Workshop	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch/Networking	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	AAC Arthritis Health Professions Association (AHPA) Workshop	
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Health Break	
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	AAC Research Workshop	
Friday, October 31, 2014		
8:30 am - 8:40am	Opening Session - Welcome Remarks	Dr. John Dirks/Ms. Janet Yale
Research Symposium: State of the Art, and How We Got There		
8:40 am - 8:50 am	Patients Perspective: Importance of Research	Patient/Consumer
8:50 am - 9:20 am	From Concept to Targeted anti-TNF therapy in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)	Dr. Ravinder N. Maini The Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, University of Oxford, Oxford UK
9:20 am - 9:50 am	Quantitative Traits and the Genetics of Autoimmunity	Dr. Peter Gregersen Director, Center for Genomics & Human Genetics, The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research New York, USA
9:50 am – 10:20 am	Cutting Gordian Knots with the Shears of Genomics: A Quarter Century and Counting	Dr. Dan Kastner Scientific Director, Division of Intramural Research, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, USA
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Question and Answer	Moderator (TBC)
10:30 am -10:50 am	Health Break	
10:50 am – 11:05 am	Downstream discoveries: What have 15 years of biologic use taught us about Rheumatoid arthritis?	Dr. Claire Bombardier Professor of Medicine, Rheumatology Division Director, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
11:05 am – 11:15 am	Investing in Innovation: CIHR's Inflammation in Chronic Disease Signature Initiative	Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy Scientific Director, Canadian Institutes of Health Research- Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis Winnipeg, Canada
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Heart Disease in the Rheumatoid Arthritis Patient	Dr. Sherine E. Gabriel Dean, Mayo Clinic Minnesota, USA

11:45 am – 11:55 am	Question and Answer	Moderator (TBC)
11:55 am – 12:55pm	Lunch/Networking	
Research Symposium: Future Progress, Where to Go from Here?		
12:55 pm - 1:25 pm	Beyond anti-TNF Therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)	Dr. Marc Feldmann The Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, University of Oxford, Oxford UK
1:25 pm – 1:55 pm	The Road Not Taken: The Prospects for Therapy with Antigen Specific Tolerance For Autoimmune Disease	Dr. Lawrence Steinman George A. Zimmerman Professor and Professor of Pediatrics, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford, CA
1:55 pm – 2:25 pm	Close to the Bone: Novel Genes that Remodel the Skeleton	Dr. Laurie H. Glimcher Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City New York, USA
2:25 pm – 2:55 pm	Optimizing Public-Private Partnerships for Structure-Based Drug Discovery: Is This the Most Cost-Effective Solution to New Medicines?	Dr. Aled Edwards CEO of the Structural Genomics Consortium (SGC), Professor at the University of Toronto Toronto, Canada
2:55 pm – 3:05 pm	Question and Answer	Moderator (TBC)
3:05 pm – 3:20 pm	Health Break	
3:20 pm – 3:50 pm	A Systems Approach to Dissecting Immunity	Dr. Alan Aderem President, Full Professor, Seattle Biomedical Research Institute Seattle, WA
3:50 pm – 4:20 pm	Round Table Discussion Panel includes: Dr. Peter Gregersen, Dr. Sherine Gabriel, Dr. Dan Kastner, Dr. Laurie H. Glimcher, Dr. Aled Edwards, Dr. Alan Aderem	Moderators: Dr. Marc Feldmann and Dr. Ravinder Maini
4:20 pm - 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks	Dr. John Dirks/Janet Yale
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	AAC “Arthritis Unmasked” Reception and Gala Awards Dinner	
Saturday, November 1, 2014		
8:30 am - 10:00 am	AAC Annual General Meeting	
10:00 am -10:30 am	Health Break	
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	AAC Performance Measurement for Inflammatory Arthritis Care Workshop	
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	AAC Osteoarthritis Models of Care Workshop	
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	AAC Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) Workshop Planning Meeting	