23rd Annual
Texas Protein Folders
and Function Meeting

April 10-12, 2015
The Retreat at Artesian Lakes
Cleveland, TX
2015 TEXAS PROTEIN FOLDING & FUNCTION MEETING

— Program —

Friday April 10, 2015

4:00 PM Arrival and Registration

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Introduction

7:10 PM Speaker 1: James Hebda (Austin College) “Stability and Dynamics of Alpha Crystallin Oligomers Probed by FRET and FCS Reveal Persistent Oligomerization under Dilute Conditions”

7:45 PM Speaker 2: Jessie Zhang (UT Austin) “Nature’s Imitation Game: Deciphering the Code of Eukaryotic Transcription”

8:20 PM Keynote speaker: Michael Rosen (UTSW & HHMI) “Phase Separation of Multi-Valent Signaling Proteins”

9:20 PM Social and Discussion

Saturday April 11, 2015

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Introduction

9:10 AM Speaker 3: Montgomery Pettitt (UTMB) “Protein aggregation, collapse and disorder: Model systems”

9:45 AM Speaker 4: Elizabeth Goldsmith (UTSW) “WNK kinase autophosphorylation is controlled by chloride and osmotic pressure”

10:20 AM Speaker 5: Chien-Hung Yu (UTSW) “A code within the code: codon usage affects translational dynamics to regulate protein folding”

10:45 AM Coffee Break
11:00 AM Selected Short talks

- Short talk 1: Jing He (Tulane University) “Discovery and Characterization of Novel Peptides as Viral Entry Inhibitors in Biomembranes”
- Short talk 2: Yuan Yang (TAMU) “Dual role of the intrinsically disordered V5 domain in intra- and inter-molecular interactions of PKCa”
- Short talk 3: Jeremy Weaver (TAMU) “GroEL: The Ultimate Poker Player”
- Short talk 4: Robert C. Harris (UTMB) “Some Problems with the Assumptions Underlying Binding Free Energies Obtained from Implicit Solvent Methods”

12:20 PM Lunch

3:00 PM Posters and Social

6:00 PM Dinner

7:10 PM Keynote Speaker: Angel E. Garcia (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) “Reversible folding/unfolding of RNA tetraloops”

8:10 PM Social and Discussion

Sunday April 12, 2015

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Introduction


9:45 AM Speaker 7: Vishal M. Gohil (TAMU) “Discovery and characterization of novel proteins in mitochondrial respiratory chain biogenesis”

10:20 AM Speaker 8: Rakez Kayed (UTMB) “Tau aggregation and the formation of neurotoxic oligomeric structures”

10:45 AM Coffee Break
11:00 AM Speaker 9: Ricardo Bernal (UTEP) “Ring separation highlights the protein folding mechanism used by the phage EL encoded chaperonin”

11:35 AM Speaker 10: Jungsoon Lee (Baylor College of Medicine) "A Substrate Guided Mechanism that Facilitates Protein Disaggregation by the Hsp104 ATPase"

12:10 PM Lunch and Departure
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Future Meetings:
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