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**Nanotechnology in Medicine IV: Physical Triggers and
Advanced Materials for Translation**

**May 12-16, 2024
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Sunday, May 12, 2024

16:00 – 17:45 Conference check-in

17:45 – 18:00 Conference Introduction
Chair: Prof. Kaushal Rege

TRANSLATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGIES

18:00 – 18:30 **KEYNOTE**
Translating biomedical nanotechnologies across the NIH
David Rampulla, NIBIB, NIH, USA

18:30 – 19:00 **KEYNOTE**
Bench to Bedside in Nanoworld: A roadmap to breakthroughs that change patients' lives"
Ramin Darvir, Pfizer, Inc., USA

19:00 – 19:50 **OPENING PLENARY**
Optically-activated nano constructs provide microenvironment priming, imaging and therapy
Tayyaba Hasan, Harvard Medical School, USA

20:00 – 21:30 Dinner

21:30 Social period

NOTES

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Monday, May 13, 2024

07:30 – 08:30 **Breakfast Buffet**

SESSION 1: ADVANCED DRUG DELIVERY

08:45 – 08:50 Introduction by **Session Chair: Prof. Rohan Fernandes**

08:50 – 09:20 **KEYNOTE**
Unlocking the potential: molecular fine-tuning of (live) biotherapeutics for enhanced oral and systemic drug delivery
Juliane Nguyen, University of North Carolina, USA

09:20 – 09:45 **Invited Talk**
Brain-targeted nanoparticles for treating Parkinsons Disease: From MABs to synthetic cells
Avi Schroeder, Technion, Haifa, Israel

09:45 – 10:15 **KEYNOTE**
Photoporation for drug delivery
Kevin Braeckmans, University of Ghent, Belgium

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:10 **KEYNOTE**
Near infrared light-activated formulation for the spatial controlled release of CRISPR-Cas9 ribonucleoprotein for brain gene editing
Lino Ferreira, University of Coimbra, Portugal

11:10 – 11:35 **Invited Talk**
Nanoinformatics: Using AI to optimize cancer nanomedicines
Yossi Shamay, Technion, Haifa, Israel

11:35 – 11:50 **Selected Talk**
Logic-gated uptake of protein nano-assemblies to triple negative breast cancer cells using colocalization-dependent latching orthogonal cage-key proteins (Co-LOCKR)
Antonio Goncalves, University of Delaware, USA

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**

SESSION 2: ADVANCED IMAGING AND IMAGE-GUIDED TECHNOLOGIES

13:30 – 13:40 Introduction by **Session Chair: Prof. Milica Radisic**

13:40 – 14:10 **KEYNOTE**
Micromechanical imaging of the tumor landscape
Seemantini Nadkarni, Harvard Medical School, USA

14:10 – 14:35 **Invited Talk**
Fluorinated nanoparticles as powerful bioimaging tools and delivery agents
Francesca Baldelli Bombelli, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Monday, May 13, 2024 (continued)

- 14:35 – 15:00 **Selected Talk**
Switchable multimodal imaging and synergistic therapy with sequential PTT/PDT using J-aggregated porphyrin nanoparticles
Nahyun Kwon, University Health Network, Canada
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 – 15:55 **Invited Talk**
Implications of nuclear pore complexes for cancer
Victor Shahin, University of Münster, Germany
- 15:55 - 16:20 **Invited Talk**
Fluorescence-imaged guided drug delivery and photoimmunotherapy for Peritoneal metastasis in vivo
Huang-Chiao (Joe) Huang, University of Maryland, USA
- 16:20 - 16:35 **Selected Talk**
Aggregation induced emission based method to evaluate drug penetration and delivery in 3D tumor spheroids
Maytal Avrashami, Technion, Haifa, Israel
- 16:35 - 16:50 **Selected Talk**
Applications of ring perfluorocarbon nanoparticle contrast agents for Fluorine Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Yuri Chung, Georgetown University, USA
- 17:00 – 19:00 Poster Session / Social Hour
- 19:30 – 21:30 **Dinner**

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

07:30 – 08:45 **Breakfast Buffet**

SESSION 3: BIOFABRICATION AND TISSUE MODELS

08:45 – 08:50 **Introduction by Session Chair: Prof. Aereas Aung**

08:50 – 09:20 **KEYNOTE**
Geometric and cellular control of tissue vascularization
Milica Radisic, University of Toronto, Canada

09:20 – 09:50 **KEYNOTE**
Dynamic hydrogels through hierarchical assembly: bioinspiration and beyond
Kristopher Kilian, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

09:50 – 10:15 **Selected talk**
A rapid device for iPSC-based autologous cell production
Yuguo Lei, Pennsylvania State University, USA

10:15 – 10:30 **Selected talk**
Modeling Neuroinflammation with Human Brain Organoids
Paris Brown, Duke University, USA

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 11:30 **Special Talk**
Publishing in *Nature Materials*
Bruno Castro, Nature Materials

11:30 – 12:30 **SESSION 4: JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**
Chair: Prof. Shyni Varghese

Opening Remarks: David Rampulla, NIBIB, USA (5min)
Opening Remarks: Avi Schroeder, Technion, Haifa, Israel (5 min)
Opening Remarks: Millicent Sullivan, University of Delaware, USA (5 min)
Opening Remarks: Treena Arenzei, Columbia University, USA (5 min)

Panelists for Discussion Session: (40 min)
Avi Schroeder, Technion, Haifa, Israel
David Rampulla, NIBIB, USA
Millicent Sullivan, University of Delaware, USA
Treena Arenzei, Columbia University, USA

12:30 – 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 – 13:55 **Meet in hotel lobby for excursion**

14:00 – 18:00 **Walking excursion - Guided tour of the Convento de Cristo and Tomar**
Dinner “On your own” in Tomar

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

07:30 – 08:30 **Breakfast**

SESSION 5: TISSUE REPAIR & REGENERATION

08:30 – 08:35 Introduction by Session **Chair: Prof. Juliane Nguyen**

08:40 – 09:10 **KEYNOTE**
Stimuli-responsive nanofibers for tissue regeneration
Treena Arenzei, Columbia University, USA

09:10 – 09:35 **Invited Talk**
Laser-induced nanobubbles for advanced therapies in the eye
Felix Sauvage, University of Ghent, Belgium

09:35 – 09:50 **Antioxidant potential assessment of biosynthesized AgNPs and characterization of hepatoprotective phytoconstituents from vitis vinifera extract using LC-MS/MS**
Mazhar Abbas, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore, Pakistan

09:55 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 11:00 **KEYNOTE**
Collagen repair-driven gene therapy for treatment of chronic wounds
Millicent Sullivan, University of Delaware, USA

11:00 – 11:25 **Invited Talk**
Enzyme powered nanobots with photothermal and magnetic properties for biomedical applications
Juan Fraire, Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia, Spain

11:25 – 11:50 **Invited talk**
Eco-friendly bioinks for 3D bioprinting of soft tissues
Vijayavenkataraman Sanjairaj, NYU Abu Dhabi, Saadiyat Campus, Abu Dhabi

12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**

SESSION 6: IMMUNOENGINEERING

13:30 – 13:35 Introduction by **Session Chair: Victor Shahin**

13:35 – 14:05 **KEYNOTE**
Supramolecular peptide immunotherapies for inflammatory diseases
Joel Collier, Duke University, USA

14:05 – 14:30 **Invited Talk**
Photothermal nanoparticles immune engineer potent tumor-specific T cells for adoptive cell therapy
Rohan Fernandes, George Washington University, USA

14:30 – 14:55 **Invited Talk**
Targeted delivery of antigen for enhancing humoral immunity
Aereas Aung, University of Toronto, Canada

15:00 – 15:40 **Coffee Break**

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 (continued)

- 15:40 - 16:10 **KEYNOTE**
Tuning Intracellular Localization of Nano- and Micro- Particles in Phagocytic Immune Cells
Siddharth Jhunjhunwala, Indian Institute of Science, India
- 16:10 - 16:35 **Invited Talk**
Identifying targets for engineering self-tolerance after traumatic injury
Kaitlyn Sadtler, NIBIB/NIH, USA
- 17:00 – 18:45 Poster Session / Social Hour
- 19:00 – 19:50 **Closing Summary and Plenary**
Chair: Prof. Stefaan De Smedt
- CLOSING PLENARY**
Overcoming barriers in tumor targeted drug delivery
Fabian Kiessling, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
- 20:00 – 22:00 Conference Banquet and Presentation Awards

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- 07.30 Breakfast and Departures

Poster Presentations

- 1. Bone based Nanoparticles (BNPs) promotes osteogenic differentiation of Mesenchymal Stem Cells**
Shue Wang, University of New Haven, USA
- 2. A novel compound targeting nuclear pore complexes derived from Pitstop-2**
Silvio Terra Stefanello, University of Münster, Germany
- 3. Applications of ring perfluorocarbon nanoparticle contrast agents for Fluorine Magnetic Resonance Imaging**
Yuri Chung, Georgetown University, USA
- 4. Molecular engineering of multifunctional hyaluronic acid molecules to treat osteoarthritis**
Kiarra Richardson, Duke University, USA
- 5. High-precision 3D-printed microparticles with fractal patterns by Nanoscribe technology mimicking glomerulus structure**
Ying Wang, University of Toronto, Canada
- 6. Enhancing vascularization of engineered human cardiac tissues using endothelial extracellular vesicles**
Karl T. Wagner, University of Toronto, Canada
- 7. Nanomaterials for Gastrointestinal Surgeries**
Vanshika Singh, Arizona State University, USA
- 8. Delivery of Plasmid DNA with Differential Prokaryotic Methylation to Skin Facilitates Healthy and Diabetic Wound Healing, and Boosts Survival in Melanoma in Mice**
Trishita Chowdhury, Arizona State University, USA
- 9. Bioactive Silk Nanomaterials and Histamine Receptor Agonism Facilitate Effective Wound Healing, Tissue Repair, and Infection Control**
Shubham Pallod, Arizona State University, USA
- 10. Epicardial heart-on-a-chip constructs to model development and ischemia reperfusion injury**
Dawn Bannerman, University of Toronto, Canada