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## **Sunday, March 4, 2018**

16:00 – 18:00	Conference Check-in
17:45 – 18:00	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Barry Buckland and Eli Keshavarz-Moore, Conference Chairs Beth Junker, ECI Technical Liaison
18:00 – 18:50	<b><u>Plenary Lectures</u></b> <b>Manufacturing biopharmaceuticals in the age of acceleration</b> Chris Love, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
18:50 – 19:40	<b>Development of live bacterial therapeutics</b> John Aunins, Seres Therapeutics, USA
19:40 – 19:45	Concluding Remarks
19:45 – 20:30	Reception
20:30 – 23:00	Dinner

### **NOTES**

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- *Poster Sessions will be held in the Ballroom North.*
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## **Monday, March 5, 2018**

- 07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 – 11:25 **Session I: Primary Metabolites**  
Session Chairs: Arindam Bose (AbiologicsB, LLC, USA)  
Brigitte Gasser (BOKU, Austria)
- 08:30 – 08:35 Session Introduction
- 08:35 – 09:10 **Metabolic engineering strategies for producing oleochemicals in bacteria**  
Brian F. Pfleger, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- 09:10 – 09:45 **Improving biochemical yields with MixoFerm**  
Shawn W. Jones, White Dogs Labs, USA
- 09:45 – 10:00 **Cyanobacteria as photosynthetic factories: Synthetic biology methods in the development of next-generation production platforms**  
Hariharan Dandapani, University of Turku, Finland
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 10:55 **Systems metabolic engineering of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and *Bacillus methanolicus* for production of new products from alternative carbon sources**  
Volker F. Wendisch, Bielefeld University, Germany
- 10:55 – 11:20 **MOMENTUM: Microbial Optimization via Metabolic Network Minimization**  
Zhixia Ye, Duke University, USA
- 11:20 – 11:25 Concluding Remarks
- 11:25 – 11:30 Introduction of Plenary Lecture – Barry Buckland
- 11:30 – 12:20 **Plenary Lecture**  
**New bio-based supply chains for plant-based medicines** Christina Smolke, Antheia, USA
- 12:20 – 12:25 Concluding Remarks
- 12:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:25 **Session II: Therapeutic Proteins (Part 1)**  
**(Sponsored by Sartorius Stedim Biotech GmbH)**  
Session Chairs: Karen Polizzi (Imperial College London, United Kingdom)  
Eli Keshavarz-Moore (UCL, United Kingdom) Michael Hohn (Merck, USA)
- 14:30 – 14:35 Session Introduction
- 14:35 – 15:10 **Learning from the mammalian expression system to develop a high titer-half antibody process in *E. coli***  
Emily Dong, Genentech, USA
- 15:10 – 15:35 **Matching secretion capacity via translation control**  
Neil Dixon, Manchester University, United Kingdom

**Monday, March 5, 2018 (continued)**

- 15:35 – 16:00      **C1: How the C1 platform will change the production approach for therapeutic proteins**  
Ronen Tchelet, Dyadic, USA
- 16:00 – 16:20      **Gram Level scFv expression platform of *Pichia pastoris***  
Jen-Wei Chang, Development Center for Biotechnology, Taiwan
- 16:20 – 16:25      Concluding Remarks
- 16:25 – 16:55      Coffee/Tea break
- 16:55 – 17:00      Introduction of Plenary Lecture – Eli Keshavarz-Moore
- 17:00 – 17:50      **Plenary Lecture**  
**mRNA vaccines and therapeutics: On the progress from promise to reality**  
Hari Pujar, Moderna, USA
- 19:00 – 20:30      Dinner
- 20:30 – 23:00      **Poster Session I** (with social hour and dessert)  
Session Chairs: Stefanie Frank (UCL, United Kingdom)  
Eli Keshavarz-Moore (UCL, United Kingdom)



## Tuesday, March 6, 2018

- 07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 – 12:30 **Session III: Secondary Metabolites**  
Session Chairs: Beth Junker (Bioprocess Advantage, USA)  
Yi Tang (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)
- 08:30 – 08:35 Session Introduction
- 08:35 – 09:05 **Natural products by synthetic biology and microbial engineering**  
Ben Shen, The Scripps Research Institute, USA
- 09:05 – 09:35 **An integrated strain improvement and process development program for the production of UK-2A, the precursor of the fungicide Inatreq™ active**  
Mark Mikola, Dow AgroSciences LLC, USA
- 09:35 – 10:05 **Scale up of low producing, potent secondary metabolites**  
Scott Doncaster, BioVectra Inc., Canada
- 10:05 – 10:25 **One-pot synthesis of amino-alcohol using a *de novo* transketolase: Transaminase pathway in *Pichia pastoris* strain GS115**  
Marie-Jose Henriquez, UCL, United Kingdom
- 10:25 – 10:55 Coffee/Tea break (*Sponsored by Amgen*)
- 10:55 – 11:25 **Microbial engineering of new *streptomyces sp.* from extreme environments for novel antibiotics and anticancer drugs**  
Juan Asenjo, University of Chile, Chile
- 11:25 – 11:55 **Genome-guided methods for discovering new natural product from fungi**  
Yi Tang, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 11:55 – 12:25 **An efficient commercial platform for microbial engineering of natural products**  
Hsien-Chung Tseng, Manus Bio, USA
- 12:25 – 12:30 Concluding Remarks
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:05 Introduction of Plenary Lecture – Barry Buckland
- 14:05 – 15:00 **Plenary Lecture**  
**Engineered polyketide synthases for production of commodity and specialty chemicals**  
Jay Keasling, University of California-Berkeley, USA
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee/Tea break (*Sponsored by Genentech*)
- 15:30 – 17:35 **Session IV: Biomaterials and Biofuels**  
Session Chairs: Behnam Taidi (CentraleSupélec, LGPM, France)  
Joel Cherry (Amyris Inc., USA)
- 15:30 – 15:35 Session Introduction

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018 (continued)**

- 15:35 – 16:05      **Integrated bioengineering: Genomatica’s approach to rapid commercialization**  
Michael Japs, Genomatica, USA
- 16:05 – 16:45      **Automating bioengineering: First the hands, then the head**  
Ben Kaufmann-Malaga, Amyris, USA
- 16:45 – 17:15      **The circular bioeconomy and the concept of biorefinery**  
Behnam Taidi, CentraleSupélec, LGPM, France
- 17:15 – 17:30      **Exploiting fatty acid metabolic pathway for production of short chain fatty acids in *E. coli***  
Kamran Jawed, ICGEB/Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA
- 17:30 – 17:35      Concluding Remarks
- 17:35 – 20:30      “Dine Around” (free time for participants to experience Santa Fe dining)
- 20:30 – 23:00      **Poster Session II**  
Session Chairs: Stefanie Frank (UCL, United Kingdom)  
Eli Keshavarz-Moore (UCL, United Kingdom)

## Wednesday, March 7, 2018

- 07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 – 10:30 **Session V: Therapeutics Proteins (Part II)**  
Session Chairs: Karen Polizzi (Imperial College London, United Kingdom)  
Eli Keshavarz-Moore (UCL, United Kingdom)  
Michael Hohn (Merck, USA)
- 08:30 – 08:35 Session Introduction
- 08:35 – 09:10 **Antibody production in micro-organisms**  
Hanxiao Jiang, Amyris Inc., USA
- 09:10 – 09:40 **Process optimization, manufacturing changes from early to late phase development, and comparability of Resolaris**  
Ying Buechler, aTyr Pharma, USA
- 09:40 – 10:10 **Promoter and process engineering for recombinant protein production in *Pichia pastoris* towards simple, fast and methanol-free cultivation regimes and high product titers**  
Roland Prielhofer, ACIB, Austria
- 10:10 – 10:25 **Towards extracellular release of recombinant proteins from *E.coli* using antisense technology**  
Shahin Heshmatifar, UCL, United Kingdom
- 10:25 – 10:30 Concluding Remarks
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea break (*Sponsored by Biological E Limited*)
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Session VI: Vaccines**  
**(Sponsored by Pfizer)**  
Session Chairs: Barry Buckland (BiologicB, LLC, United Kingdom)  
Tiffany Rau (BioProcess Technology Consultants (BPTC), USA)
- 11:00 – 11:05 Session Introduction
- 11:05 – 11:40 **Rational design of expression vectors for high quality biologics**  
Kerry Love, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- 11:40 – 12:00 **High yield plasmid DNA production under oxygen limitation using microaerobically induced replication**  
Alvaro Lara, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa, Mexico
- 12:00 – 12:30 **A *Pseudomonas fluorescens*- based platform for robust vaccine manufacturing**  
Russell Coleman, Pfenex Inc, USA
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:05 Introduction
- 14:05 – 14:30 **Enhancing the yield and quality of supercoiled plasmid through Plasmid Engineering**  
Olusegun Folarin, UCL, UK

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018 (continued)**

- 14:30 – 15:00      **Computational fluid dynamics modeling for fermentation risk reduction during technology transfer and risk understanding**  
Tracie Spangler, Merck & Co., Inc., USA
- 15:00 – 15:30      **Engineering of probiotic *E.coli* to treat metabolic disorders**  
Paul Miller, Synlogic, USA
- 15:30 – 15:35      Concluding Remarks
- 15:35 – 16:00      Coffee/Tea break
- 16:00 – 18:15      **Conference Workshop**  
Chair: Eli Keshavarz-Moore (UCL, United Kingdom)
- Topic: Leap-frogging microbial fermentation applications-what is needed, who can develop it, and how will it move the dial?**
- 16:00 – 16:05      Introduction
- 16:05 – 16:15      **Historical Perspective:** Barry Buckland (BiologicB, LLC)
- 16:15 – 16:35      **Present Day: Equipment - Vendors and CMOs**  
Sartorius, GE
- 16:35 – 16:45      **Present Day: Cost models; Buy versus build**  
Tiffany Rau, BioProcess Technology Consultants (BPTC), USA
- 16:45 – 16:55      **Present Day: Secondary metabolites and chemicals**  
Joel Cherry, Amyris Inc., USA
- 16:55 – 17:05      **A vision for therapeutic proteins and vaccine protein antigens**  
Chris Love, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- 17:05 – 17:15      **Impact on human health: The unmet medical need is often affordability**  
Steve Hadley, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA
- 17:15 - 17:30      **Role of Academia/Government/Industry Partnership**  
NIIMBL, UCL Biomanufacturing Hub  
Barry Buckland, Eli Keshavarz-Moore
- 17:30 – 18:10      Open Discussion
- 18:10 – 18:15      Concluding Remarks
- 18:15 – 18:30      Short biobreak
- 18:30 – 18:35      Introduction to Closing Lecture - Eli Keshavarz-Moore

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018 (continued)**

18:35 – 19:10

**Closing Plenary Lecture**

**Opening microbial cells expands their capabilities**

Jim Swartz, Stanford University, USA

19:45 – 23:00

**Reception, Banquet Dinner and Poster Prizes**

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

07.00 – 09.30

Breakfast and Departures

## Poster Presentations

1. **Enlarging the synthetic biology toolbox for *Pichia pastoris*: Golden Gate cloning and CRISPR/Cas9**  
Roland Prielhofer, ACIB - Austrian Centre of Industrial Biotechnology, BOKU/DBT, Austria
2. **Engineering vacuolar sorting pathways for efficient secretion of recombinant proteins**  
Brigitte Gasser, BOKU/DBT, Austrian Centre for Industrial Biotechnology (ACIB), Austria
3. **Genome-scale reconstruction of *Salinispora tropica* metabolism; Microbial engineering and its applications in secondary metabolite production**  
Barbara A. Andrews, Centre for Biotechnology and Bioengineering, University of Chile, Chile
4. **Using screening and classical strain improvement techniques to get the best performance of lactic acid bacteria**  
Gunnar Øregaard, Chr Hansen, Denmark
5. **Combined engineering of disaccharide transport and phosphorolysis for enhanced ATP yield from sucrose fermentation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae***  
Wesley Marques, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
6. **Engineering of *Escherichia coli* protein expression process development**  
Chih-Hsi Fan, Development Center for Biotechnology, Taiwan
7. **Gram level scFv expression platform of *Phichi pastoris***  
Jen-Wei Chang, Development Center for Biotechnology / Institute of Biologics, Taiwan
8. **Redox potential control in anaerobic *Clostridium beijerinckii* fermentation using single-use vessels**  
Ying Yang, Eppendorf Inc., USA
9. **Production, immobilization and synthesis of pharmacological derivatives of lipase B from *Candida antarctica* in *Pichia pastoris***  
Julia Robert, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
10. **Improvement of retinoids production in recombinant *E. coli* using glyoxylic acid**  
Ji-Bin Park, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea
11. **Sequential whole cell conversion process for production of D-psicose and D-mannitol from D-fructose**  
Seong-Hee Jeong, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea
12. **Optimization of isoprene production using a metabolically engineered *Escherichia Coli***  
Seon-Yeong Jo, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea
13. **Production of  $\alpha$ -Bisabolol from metabolically engineered *Escherichia coli***  
Ju-Eon Park, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea
14. **Engineering of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* for the secretory production of recombinant proteins via Tat-dependent pathway**  
Jae Woong Choi, KAIST, South Korea

15. **Expression and downstream purification of insulin molecules in *Pichia pastoris***  
Aster J. Escalante, Keck Graduate Institute, USA
16. **Replacing animal-based hydrolysates in biopharmaceutical processes with animal-free and chemically defined alternatives to reduce regulatory concerns**  
Floyd L. Inman III, Kerry, USA
17. **Synthetic biocatalytic modules for enhanced transformation of biological waste products**  
Peter L. Bergquist, Macquarie University, Australia
18. **Identifying the best *Pichia pastoris* base strain using functional genomics**  
Joseph R. Brady, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
19. **Case study: Raman implementation for process lifecycle management in fermentation based processes**  
Roberto I. Ortiz, Merck & Co, USA
20. ***E. coli* strain engineering to minimize host cell protein contamination of recombinant target protein**  
James Samuelson, New England Biolabs, Inc., USA
21. **Sustainable production of  $\beta$ -Xanthophylls in *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae***  
Vicente Cataldo, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile
22. **Coenzyme Q production by metabolic engineered *Escherichia coli* strains**  
Irene Martinez, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile
23. **Automation and miniaturization of a microbial fermentation platform for the production of antibody fragments**  
Geoff Brown, UCB, United Kingdom
24. **Genetically engineered probiotic *E. coli* Nissle to consume amino acids associated with orphan metabolic diseases**  
Ning Li, Synlogic Inc., USA
25. **Towards extracellular release of recombinant proteins from *E.coli* using antisense technology**  
Shahin Heshmatifar, UCL, United Kingdom
26. **Effect of the oxygen transfer rate on oxygen-limited production of plasmid DNA by *Escherichia coli***  
Alvaro R. Lara, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa, Mexico
27. **Methodology to rapidly assess enzyme cascades in aid of metabolic engineering of host cells**  
Maria Villegas-Torres, Icesi University and University College London, Colombia
28. **Enhancing the productivity of supercoiled plasmid upstream bioprocessing through plasmid engineering**  
Olusegun Folarin, University College London, United Kingdom
29. **Developing bacterial microcompartments for the recombinant production of proteins**  
Stefanie Frank, University College London, United Kingdom



30. **From screening to process optimization: AMBR technology to speed up microbial fermentation processes**  
Kevin McHugh, Sartorius Stedim Biotech, USA
31. **Enumeration method and medium design for a mixed culture of *saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *chlorella vulgaris***  
Behnam Taidi, CentraleSupélec, LGPM, France