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## **Neurodegenerative Diseases: Biology & Therapeutics**

November 30 - December 3, 2016

Abstract Deadline: October 10, 2016

Organizers:

Karen Duff, Columbia University

Richard Ransohoff, Biogen

John Trojanowski, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

You are cordially invited to participate in the ninth meeting on Neurodegenerative Diseases to be held at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. The meeting will begin with dinner and the first session on the evening of Wednesday, November 30, 2016, and will conclude with lunch on Saturday, December 3.

A primary goal of the meeting is to provide a forum where medical scientists from academia can interact with scientists from the biopharmaceutical industry, thus forging a community of academic and industry researchers who recognize that they have much to learn from each other. Rational drug discovery for neurodegenerative diseases has begun to yield compounds and treatments that are now entering clinical settings. For human studies utilizing these compounds and treatments to be maximally informative, it is crucial that scientists from academia and industry meet regularly to exchange data and ideas.

This meeting will consist of six to seven oral sessions plus one poster session. The aim is to populate half of each oral session with speakers from academia and the other half from industry; speakers will be invited as well as selected from submitted abstracts.

Tentative Topics:

Disease Propagation: Mechanisms & Therapeutic Opportunities

Neuroinflammation

RNA Metabolism in Neurodegenerative Disease

Proteostasis, Mechanisms & Therapeutic Opportunities

New Neuronal Models, iPS, Organoids, Primary Cultures, Therapeutic Opportunities

Vascular Aspects as a Cause or Contributor to Neurodegenerative Disease

**Imaging: Insights & Application** 

Gene Inactivation & Protein Lowering Strategies

Confirmed Session Chairs:

Karen Duff, Columbia University

Virginia Lee, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Timothy Miller, Washington University at St. Louis

Serge Przedborski, Columbia University

Richard Ransohoff, Biogen

J. Paul Taylor, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

## Confirmed Speakers:

Steven Arnold, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School

Selva Baltan, Cleveland Clinic

Knut Biber, University of Freiburg, Germany

Don Cleveland, University of California, San Diego

Sarah DeVos, Massachusetts General Hospital

Marc Diamond, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Bradford Dickerson, Massachusetts General Hospital

Matthew Disney, The Scripps Research Institute

Lawrence Goldstein, University of California, San Diego/HHMI

Vladimir Hachinski, London Health Sciences Centre, Canada

Michael Heneka, German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE), Germany

David Irwin, University of Pennsylvania

Rudolf Jaenisch, Whitehead Institute/MIT

Jeffery Kelly, The Scripps Research Institute

Clotilde Lagier-Tourenne, Massachusetts General Hospital

Ralph Nixon, NYU School of Medicine

Sophie Parmentier-Batteur, Merck Research Laboratories

Laura Ranum, University of Florida

David Rubinsztein, Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, UK

Scott Small, Columbia University

Bryan Traynor, National Institute on Aging

John Trojanowski, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Li-Huei Tsai, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/HHMI

Lary Walker, Emory University

Zhenyu Yue, Mount Sinai Medical Center

Abstracts should contain only new and unpublished material and must be submitted electronically by the abstract deadline. Selection of material for oral and poster presentations will be made by the organizers and individual session chairs. The status of abstracts (i.e., talk or poster) will be posted as soon as decisions have been made by the organizers. Please bring this announcement to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the meeting.

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is eager to have as many young people as possible attend this meeting. As such, we have some funds set aside to partially support students and postdocs. Please register and apply in writing to <a href="Heather Johnson">Heather Johnson</a> stating your eligibility and need for financial support. Preference will be given to those submitting abstracts.

Partial support for this meeting kindly provided by **AbbVie**.

We look forward to seeing you at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory at the end of November 2016. Pricing:

Academic Package \$1,140

Graduate/PhD Student Package \$955

Corporate Package \$1,445

Academic/Student No-Housing Package \$780

Corporate No-Housing Package \$975











Regular packages are all-inclusive and cover registration, food, housing, parking, a wine-and-cheese party, cocktail reception, and lobster banquet. No-Housing packages include all costs except housing. Full payment is due four weeks prior to the meeting.

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