



THE FOURTH CONGRESS ON THE EPH/EPHRIN SYSTEM



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MAY 16, 2024**Simone Baglioni****Vice Rector for Education
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9.00 Welcome

Opening lectures9.10 Quantifying Eph receptor multimerization with time resolved
fluorescence spectroscopy**Adam Smith**
*Texas Tech University, USA*9.40 EphA2 Multimerization Underscores Canonical and Noncanonical
Signaling in Oncogenesis**Bingcheng Wang**
*Case Western Reserve University,
USA***Session: CNS****Adam Smith and Massimiliano Tognolini**10:10 Untangling astrocyte-mediated PV inhibitory synapse
development through ephrin-B1/EphB2 signaling**Iryna M. Ethell**
University of California Riverside, USA

10:35 The roles of ephrin-B2 and EphB2 in memory formation

Raphael Lamprecht
*University of Haifa, Israel*11.00 EphA1 missense mutations associated with Alzheimer's
disease dysregulate receptor signaling function**Elena B. Pasquale**
*Sanford Burnham Prebys Med Discovery
Institute, USA*

11.25

*Coffee break***Session: Cancer I****Bryan Day and Jiangping Wu**11.50 Roles of EphA2-ephrin-A signaling in prostate cancer
development and progression**Ryan Lingerak**
*Case Western Reserve University, USA*12.15 EphA4 in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma:
dissecting its role in the tumor microenvironment and
tumor progression**Sophia Corbo**
*University of Colorado, USA*12.40 Advancing understanding of uveal melanoma
progression: integrating Eph/ephrin epigenetics, gene
expression, and regulatory networks through
comprehensive big data analysis and web resources**Georgios Mandrakis**
University of Athens, Greece

13.05

*Lunch***Session: Molecular Biology****Bingcheng Wang and Maurizio Pellecchia**14.30 Proximity labeling of ephrin-B ligands reveals that EGFR
is an EFNB1 interactor**Ana Isabel Osornio-Hernandez**
*Université Laval, Canada*14.55 EphA2 transmembrane helix interactions regulate
EphA2 oligomerization**Kalina Hristova**
*Johns Hopkins University, USA*15.20 Could the pro-oncogenic role of EphA2 Ser-897 be
affected by Eph-ephrin antagonists?**Francesca Romana Ferrari**
*University of Parma*15.35 EphA2 controls EphA1 function via a heterotypic
interaction that regulates tumor susceptibility**Xiaojun Shi (online)**
*Case Western Reserve University, USA**Coffee break*

| Session: miscellaneous Mario Cioco and Massimiliano Tognolini | | |
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| 16.30 | The relationship between ephrin and NOTCH system in the regulation of tube formation of HUVECs in co-culture with MSCs | Irina Beloglazova (online) National Medical Research Centre of Cardiology Named after Academician E.I., Russia |
| 16.55 | Ephrin micropatterns exogenously modulate cell organization in organoid-derived intestinal epithelial monolayers | Elena Martinez (online) Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia, Spain |
| 19:30 | Social dinner | |

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9.00 – 10.00 Poster session / Coffee

| Session: drug discovery Raphael Lamprecht and Alessio Lodola | | |
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| 10.00 | Fifteen years of ephrins in Parma: a PPI-inhibitors story | Carmine Giorgio University of Parma, Italy |
| 10.25 | Hunting for original anticancer agents: peptide modulators of EphA2 mediated SAM-SAM interaction | Marilisa Leone CNR Naples, Italy |
| 10.50 | Anti-ephrin-B2 neutralizing antibody suppresses fibrosis in preclinical <i>in vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> models | Benjamin T. Wilks Mediar Therapeutics, USA |
| 11.15 | Unveiling potential? targeting Eph-ephrin in glioblastoma stem cells with novel PPI-inhibitors | Alfonso Zappia University of Parma, Italy |
| 11.30 | Targeting the Eph-ephrin system in cancer and neurodegeneration | Maurizio Pellecchia University of California Riverside, USA |
| 11.55 | EphB2 a viable therapeutic target for the treatment of pediatric medulloblastoma | Bryan W. Day The University of Queensland, Australia |

12.20-13.50 Lunch / Poster

| Session: Cancer II Elena B. Pasquale and Andrew Freywald | | |
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| 13.50 | Ephrin's and Eph's are implicated in EGFR-TKI resistance of non-small cell lung cancer and are loaded in extracellular vesicles | Albano Cáceres-Verschae Karolinska Institute, Sweden |
| 14.15 | EphA2 phosphorylation sustains the adaptive response of colorectal organoids to oxaliplatin | Mario Cioco University of Campus-BioMedico, Italy |
| 14.40 | Harnessing the EphA2 blockade in glioblastoma | Andrea Knight Masaryk University, Czech Republic |
| 15.05 | Farewell | Massimiliano Tognolini |



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