

Time	Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Place	Auditorium 101A in the Main Building of the Medical Campus, Aapistie 5A, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland
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Credits	Certificate of participation will be written.
Transportation	There will be bus transportation from Linnanmaa to Aapistie 5A. The bus will leave at 8.30 hrs at door J from Linnanmaa and return at 17.15 hrs from Aapistie 5A to Linnanmaa
Chairpersons	Madhura Patankar, Pauli Ohukainen and Mikko Vuorela

PROGRAMME

09.00 – 09.05	Opening remarks Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, Biocenter Oulu
09.05 – 09.15	Welcome Prof. Johanna Myllyharju , Scientific Director of Biocenter Oulu
09.15 - 09.20	Welcome Prof. Seppo Vainio , Director of Biocenter Oulu Doctoral Programme
09.20 – 10.00	”Small regulatory RNAs and their targets in Salmonella” Dr. Kai Papenfort IMIB, University of Würzburg, Germany
10.00 – 10.35	<i>Coffee at the exhibition area (35 min)</i>
10.35 – 11.15	“Finding the sequences that matter in non-coding RNAs: Evolutionary analysis coupled to functional characterization” Dr. Mikko Frilander Institute of Biotechnology, University of Helsinki, Finland
11.15 – 11.55	”Transcriptional dynamics of miRNA promoters and long noncoding RNAs” Dr. Chirag Nepal HIB, Department of Molecular Biology, University of Bergen, Norway
11.55 – 13.25	<i>Lunch break and exhibition (1 h 30 min)</i>

- 13.25 – 14.05 “Biochemical dissection of small RNA-guided gene silencing pathways”
Prof. Dr. Gunter Meister
Biochemistry, University of Regensburg, Germany
- 14.05 – 14.45 “The heat shock response: implications in cell stress and development”
Prof. Lea Sistonen
Biocity, Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland
- 14.45 – 15.25 *Coffee at the exhibition area* (40 min)
- 15.25 – 16.05 ”Control of lipid metabolism by miR-33”
Prof. Carlos Fernandez-Hernando
NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, USA
- 16.05 – 16.45 “Epigenetic regulation of genes by small RNAs: a novel tool for gene therapy of cardiovascular disease”
Dr. Mikko Turunen
Ark Therapeutics Oy, Kuopio, Finland
- 16.45 – 17.00 General discussion and concluding remarks