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## **Preliminary Program**

(The program may be subject to changes without prior notice)

# 14th International Conference on Biological Barriers

### TUESDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

11:00	Registration
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome
13:15 – 13:40	Hamid Ghandehari (Salt Lake City, US)
	"Approaches for spatiotemporal drug delivery"
13:40 – 14:05	Cameron Alexander (Nottingham, UK)
	"Polymer therapeutics – Can we use new materials to cross BioBarriers for diseases of unmet need"
14:05 – 14:15	Contributed talk
14:15 – 14:25	Contributed talk
14:25 – 15:00	Coffee break (posters & exhibition)
15:00 – 15:25	Elias Fattal (Paris, FR)
	"Nanomedicines for immunomodulation"
15:25 – 15:50	Ana Beloqui (Louvain, BE)
	"Gut hormone stimulation via lipid nanocarriers as therapeutic strategy in
	the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders"
15:50 – 16:00	Contributed talk
16:00 – 16:10	Contributed talk
16:10 – 16:20	Contributed talk
16:20 – 16:30	Contributed talk
16:30 – 17:30	Posters + industry exhibition
17:30	Welcome reception

#### WEDNESDAY, March 4th

08:30 - 08:55	Elise Lepeltier	(Angers, FR)

"Lung cancer and microbiota: Inhalable nanomedicines with antimicrobial properties as an innovative strategy to fight lung cancer"



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08:55 – 09:20	Jens Puschhof (Heidelberg, DE)
	"Modelling cancer-microbe interactions with organoids and organ chips"
09:20 - 09:30	Contributed talk
09:30 - 09:40	Contributed talk
09:40 - 09:50	Contributed talk
09:50 - 10:00	Contributed talk
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break (posters & exhibition)
10:30 – 10:55	Sarah Hedtrich (Vancouver, CA) – Galenus Guest Speaker
	"Local gene therapies to rescue severe genetic diseases of human epithelia"
10:55 – 11:20	Otmar Schmidt (Munich, DE)
	"Relevance of mechanobiology for improved clinical relevance of in vitro lung models"
11:20 – 11:30	Contributed talk
11:30 – 11:40	Contributed talk
11:40 – 11:50	Contributed talk
11:50 – 12:00	Contributed talk
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch (posters & exhibition)

# **GALENOS** meets **TALENTS**: Workshops for Young Scientists

13:00 – 14:00	Alumni Key Notes
	(3x 20 min.)
14:00 – 15:00	Alumni Roundtable I
	(7 x 5 min. + discussion)
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break (posters & exhibition)
15:30 – 16:30	Alumni Key Notes II
	(3x 20 min.)
16:30 – 17:30	Alumni Roundtable II
	(7 x 5 min. + discussion)
17:30 – 17:50	Anna Hirsch
	"Anti-infective drug discovery and development at the HIPS from a medicinal
	chemist's perspective"
17:50	Posters + industry exhibition
18:30	TALENTS reception

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## THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

<b>Workshop Session</b>	
08:50 - 09:00	PhD defended – what comes next? – Postdoctoral opportunities
	Short introduction: Claus-Michael Lehr
09:00 - 09:50	Academic track: "How to become postdoc?
	Funding landscape
	Introduction of selected funding bodies
	Open discussion
09:50 - 10:40	Industry track "How to get a job in Industry?
	Employer perspective
	Getting prepared – Dos and Don'ts in job applications
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee break (posters & exhibition)
11:10 - 12:45	"Start Up! – Founding a company in the life sciences sector"
	Founding - How and where to start?
	Investors - What matters?
	Pitch Session
00.50 40.45	In parallel session
08:50 – 12:45	Current Technologies (exact time will be determined)
42.45 42.45	Presentations from our exhibitors
12:45 – 13.45 ————————————————————————————————————	Lunch break & registration for CRS DeChAt participants
	30 <sup>th</sup> CRS DeChAt Local Chapter Meeting
13:45 – 14:00	Welcome
14:00 – 14:25	Andreas Keller (Saarbrücken, DE)
	"MicroRNAs as therapeutic agents: delivery strategies and translational
	barriers"
14:25 – 14:50	Simone Schürle (Zürich, CH)
	"Engineering and controlling biomimetic and biohybrid microrobots for end-
	and transvascular drug delivery"
14:50 – 15:00	Contributed talk
15:00 – 15:10	Contributed talk
15:10 – 16:00	Posters & exhibition (with coffee)
16:00 – 16:25	Rainer Haag (Berlin, DE)
	"Polyelectrolytes as potent antimicrobial systems"





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16:25 – 16:50	Maria Vicent (Valencia, ES) - tba
16:50 – 17:00	Contributed talk
17:00 – 17:10	Bio break
17:30 – 18:15	Poster flash talks
18:15 – 19:15	Roundtable "Emerging Pharma Companies"
19:15 – 19:30	Adjourn and walk to dinner location
19:30	Conference dinner

# FRIDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

08:00 - 08:30	Registration & Coffee
08:30 - 09:30	General Assembly CRS DeChAT
09:30 – 09:55	Avi Schröder (Haifa, IL)
	"Designing brain-targeted drug delivery systems for treating Parkinson's
	disease"
09:55 – 10:20	Wilfried Weber (Saarbrücken, DE)
	"Remote-controlled drug delivery"
10:20 – 10:30	Contributed talk
10:30 – 10:40	Contributed talk
10:40 - 11:10	Posters & exhibition (with coffee)
11:10 – 11:15	Young Scientist Committee Introduction
11:15 – 11:25	Contributed talk selected by YSC
11:25 – 11:35	Contributed talk selected by YSC
11:35 – 11:45	Contributed talk selected by YSC
11:45 – 11:55	Contributed talk selected by YSC
11:55 – 12:20	Bruno Sarmento (Porto, PT)
	"Multicompartmental bioengineered 3D intestinal models for advanced drug screening"
12:20 – 12:45	Hagar Labouta (Toronto, CA)
	"Microengineered platforms driving innovation in Nanomedicine"
12:45 – 13:15	Poster Award Ceremony & Closing remarks
	Award for best poster, best flash talks and best short talk
13:00	End of the program