**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**

10.00 – 2.00  Registration at Evangelische Akademie Tutzing

**SET UP POSTERS**

12.30  LUNCH

2.00  THOMAS C. G. BOSCH, THOMAS W. HOLSTEIN, ULI TECHNAU

Welcome to “The diversification of early emerging metazoans: a window into bilaterian origins?”

**Cell type evolution**

(CHAIR: Celina Juliano, UC Davis)

2.15  D Arendt (Heidelberg): The cell-type complement in sponges – elucidating metazoan cell type interrelationships

2.35  M Gibson (Kansas): Epithelial origins: a cellular perspective on animal evolution

2.55  T Holstein (Heidelberg): The hydra cadherin 2.0 – cell type evolution highlighted by a cell adhesion molecule

3.15  T Domazet-Loso (Zagreb): The evolution of multicellular complexity-lessons from biofilms

3.30  COFFEE

4.00  U Technau (Vienna): Insights into the evolution of muscles through the transcriptomes of two cnidarian muscle cell types

4.20  H Marlow (Paris): The genomic basis of cell type diversity in Nematostella

4.35  C Nishimiya-Fujisawa (Tsukuba): Regeneration and cloning of germ stem cells in Hydra

4.50  E Pukhlyakova (Vienna): beta-catenin dependent mechanotransduction dates back to the common ancestor of Cnidaria and Bilateria

5.05  Y Moran (Jerusalem): Transcriptomic and functional analyses of sea anemone cnidocytes reveal novel and ancient aspects of their biology

5.20  S Rolfes (Hannover): Evolution of the Myc/Max transcription factor network: insights from Trichoplax

5.35  RELAX AND ENJOY THE PARK

6.30  DINNER

**EVENING SESSION I**

**Stem cells**

(Monika Hassel, Marburg)

8.00  R Revilla (Vienna): The evolutionary origin of stem cells- characterizing sponge stem cells

8.15  C Juliano (Davis): Somatic piwi-piRNA pathway function in hydra regeneration

8.30  B Hobmayer (Innsbruck): A beta catenin-myc link and interstitial stem cell dynamics in hydra

8.45  U Frank (Galway): Slow cycling PIWI+ cells re-enter the cell cycle in response to injury in Hydractinia

9.00  T Dubuc (Galway): Understanding the molecular program of sexual development in Hydractinia

9.30  KNOW ABOUT EACH OTHER IN THE BAR
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Genomes
(CHAIR: Toshi Fujisawa, Japan)

8.30  R DeSalle (New York): The Trichoplax sp. genome
8.45  M Eitel (Munich): Taxogenomics: More than Trichoplax
9.00  R Copley (Villefranche): The genome of Clytia
9:15  R Steele (Irvine): A genomic view of the genus Hydra

Phylogenomics and Genome Regulation
(CHAIR: Oleg Simokov, Vienna)

9.30   COFFEE

10.00  G Wörheide (Munich): On model adequacy in phylogenomics
10.15  D Miller (Townsville): Coral genomes and methylomes – towards next generation coral biology
10.30  S Galande (Pune): Gene regulatory networks and epigenetic events during head organizer formation in hydra
10.45  S Gomik (Galway): Abundant 6mA methylation during early embryogenesis in Hydractinia
11.00  I Cooke (Townsville): Using proteogenomics to discover short proteins in animal genomes
11.15  J Wiedenmann (Southampton): Color polymorphism in reef corals: multi-copy genes and balancing selection as drivers of diversification?

11.30  RELAX AND ENJOY THE PARK

12.30  LUNCH

Pattern formation and signaling I
(CHAIR: Masha Broun, Toronto)

2.00  M Adamska (Canberra): Body plan patterning in sponges – Wnts, TGF betas and beyond
2.20  N Funayama (Kyoto): Mechanisms that produce phenotypic developmental plasticity in sponges
2.35  A Böttger (Munich): Notch signalling and the hydra head organizer
2.50  G Genikovich (Vienna): A novel modulator of BMP signalling in a sea anemone
3.05  D Holz (Marburg): Regulation of actomyosin complexes by FGFR signaling during bud detachment in hydra
3.20  K Keren (Haifa): Actomyosin force generation directs Hydra regeneration
3.35  COFFEE

Regeneration and signaling II
(CHAIR: Yulia Kraus, Moscow)

4.00  E Röttinger (Nice): Regeneration is a partial redeployment of the embryonic regulatory network
4.15  S Gufler (Innsbruck): beta-catenin acts in a position-independent regeneration response in Hydra
4.30  R Suizuki (Kyoto): Symmetry breaking of regenerating hydra tissue
4.45  S Peron (Villefranche): Organ regeneration in Clytia
5.00  M Lommel (Heidelberg): The Cnidarian Wnt code: Deciphering early Wnt ligand-receptor interactions
5.15  P Steinmetz (Bergen): Insights into the molecular basis of nutrient homeostasis in the sea anemone Nematostella vectensis
5.30  P Cartwright (Kansas): Non-clonal colonality: a unique form of colony development in the hydrozoan Ectopleura

5.45  RELAX AND ENJOY THE PARK

6.30  DINNER

EVENING SESSION II
INVITED LECTURE
(CHAIR: THOMAS C.G. BOSCH, Kiel)

8.00  Alejandro Sanchez Alvarado (Kansas) “The reproductive and developmental plasticity of planarians”

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Nervous system evolution and function
(CHAIR: Paola Pierobon, Naples)

8.30  C Grimmelikhuijzen (Copenhagen): Cnidarian nervous systems
8.45  H Watanabe (Okinawa): Semi-centralized nervous system of the sea anemone Nematostella
9.00  M Layden (Lehigh): Investigating development and regeneration of Nv LWamide-like neurons in Nematostella
9.15  F Rentzsch (Bergen): Neurogenesis in Nematostella involves different types of neural progenitor cell populations
9.30  COFFEE

Nervous system evolution and function II
(CHAIR: Charles David, Munich)

10.00  D Fasshauer (Lausanne): Evolution of the neuronal secretion apparatus
10.20  H Shimizu (KAUST): Peduncle and head nervous system of hydra share common ancestral origin with central nervous systems of bilaterians
10.40  A Klimovich (Kiel): Tracing the ancestral pacemaker cell
11.00  E Houliston (Villefranche): Neural control of oocyte maturation and spawning in Clytia
11.20  M Hatta (Ochanomizu U): Unique gravitactic behaviour in the swimming of planulae of the coral Acropora
11.35  S Dam Nielsen (Copenhagen): Learning in the box jellyfish Tripedalia

11.50  RELAX AND ENJOY THE PARK

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### The Cnidarian Holobiont

(CHAIR: Mathew Nicotra, Pittsburgh)

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