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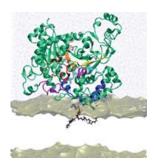
It follows upon the very successful 2014 "Lipid Mediators in Health and Disease: A Tribute to Bengt Samuelsson" conference held at the Nobel Forum in the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, and the 2015 Phospholipase A₂ conference held in Tokyo, Japan.

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Lipid Mediators in Health and Disease II: From The Cutting Edge

A Tribute to Edward Dennis

and 7TH International Conference on Phospholipase A₂ and Lipid Mediators: From Bench To Translational Medicine

Honorary Chair: Nobel Laureate Bengt Samuelsson May 19-20, 2016, La Jolla, California, USA

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Lipids serve a myriad of essential functions in cell signaling, cell organization, energy metabolism, and overall homeostasis. They are also precursors for the biosynthesis of potent chemical mediators of the immune, nervous, and endocrine systems. Lipids are central mediators of paracrine and autocrine signaling pathways and networks with critical roles in health and the major diseases of our times. Phospholipase A_2 is the key enzyme that initiates the inflammatory cascade by the release of arachidonic acid to generate numerous lipid mediators, including eicosanoids and docosanoids. Other enzymes generate endocannabinoids, platelet activating factor, sphingosines, and steroid hormones. Numerous successful drugs have emanated from insights into the role of these signaling cascades in pathogenesis. The field of lipid mediators is vibrant, with a series of recent breakthroughs in basic as well as clinical research and therapeutic opportunities. The mission of this conference is to bring together the world's leading experts for presentations and discussions on cutting-edge topics, exchange of new concepts and advances, as well as the identification of new paths and future strategies.

At this meeting, we wish to celebrate Edward A. Dennis for his seminal contributions to the important fields of Phospholipase A_2 and Lipidomics.

Invited Speakers:

Keynote Lecturer: Nobel Laureate Bengt Samuelsson (Stockholm, Sweden)

Junken Aoki (Sendai City, Japan) Hiroyuki Arai (Tokyo, Japan) K. Frank Austen (Boston, MA) Jesús Balsinde (Valladolid, Spain) Suzanne Barbour (Athens, GA) Nicolas Bazan (New Orleans, LA) Joan Heller Brown (La Jolla, CA) John Burke (Victoria, Canada) Jean-Pierre Changeux (Paris, France) Jerold Chun (La Jolla, CA) Benjamin Cravatt (La Jolla, CA) Jason Cyster (San Francisco, CA) Sven-Erik Dahlén (Stockholm, Sweden) Edward Dennis (La Jolla, CA) Jack Dixon (La Jolla, CA) Christopher Glass (La Jolla, CA) Jesper Haeggström (Stockholm, Sweden) Timothy Hla (New York, NY) Michael Karin (La Jolla, CA) Gérard Lambeau (Valbonne, France) Bruce Levy (Boston, MA) Larry Marnett (Nashville, TN) Makoto Murakami (Tokyo, Japan) Robert Murphy (Denver, CO) Shuh Narumiya (Kyoto, Japan) Richard Phipps (Rochester, NY) Richard Proia (Bethesda, MD) Sasanka Ramanadham (Birmingham, AL) Mary Roberts (Boston, MA) Charles Serhan (Boston, MA) Takao Shimizu (Tokyo, Japan) Yasuhito Shirai (Kobe, Japan) Sarah Spiegel (Richmond, VA) Dennis Vance (Edmonton, Canada)

Invited Session Chairs:

Robert Anderson (Oklahoma City, OK) Alan Brash (Nashville, TN) George Carman (New Brunswick, NJ) Joan Claria (Barcelona, Spain) Karsten Gronert, (Berkeley, CA) Kenneth Honn (Detroit, MI) George Kokotos (Athens, Greece) Michel Lagarde (Lyon, France) Sophie Laye (Bordeaux, France) Carlo Patrono (Rome, Italy)
Nicos Petasis (Los Angeles, CA)
Andreas Plückthun (Zurich, Switzerland)
Marianne Schultzberg (Stockholm, Sweden)
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