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# ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Intentional Innovation



DECEMBER 6

MaRS Auditorium, 101 College St., Toronto, ON  
8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. EST

## INTRODUCTION

8:30	8:40	Welcome remarks	<b>Leah Cowen</b> – Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives, and Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto (U of T) <b>Hon. Victor Fedeli</b> , Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
8:40	8:50	Opening remarks	<b>Michael Sefton</b> – Scientific Director, Medicine by Design, and University Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry and Institute of Biomedical Engineering, U of T

## SESSION 1

*Moderator: Cindi Morshead – Professor and Chair, Division of Anatomy, Department of Surgery, U of T*

8:50	9:20	Exploring skin cell heterogeneity at single cell resolution	<b>Fiona Watt</b> – EMBO Director, European Molecular Biology Laboratory
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## Living therapy innovations in neurological diseases

9:20	9:40	Manipulating material transfer in the retina	<b>Molly Shoichet</b> – University Professor, Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry and Scientific Director, PRiME, U of T
9:40	9:50	Astrocyte to neuron reprogramming for stroke recovery	<b>Jack Hickmott</b> – Postdoctoral Fellow (Morshead Lab), Department of Surgery, U of T
9:50	10:10	Genetic therapies for ultra rare neurogenetic disorders	<b>Dr. James Dowling</b> – Senior Scientist, Genetics and Genome Biology, and Staff Clinician, The Hospital for Sick Children

## 10:10 10:40 BREAK

## SESSION 2

*Moderator: Hai-Ling Margaret Cheng – Professor, Institute of Biomedical Engineering, U of T*

10:40	11:10	Regenerating and rejuvenating aged tissues by targeting a gerozyme	<b>Helen Blau</b> – Donald E. and Delia B. Baxter Foundation Professor and Director, Baxter Laboratory for Stem Cell Biology, Stanford University School of Medicine
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## Tackling cardiac disease with regenerative approaches

11:10	11:30	Heart regeneration with human pluripotent stem cells	<b>Dr. Michael Laflamme</b> – Senior Scientist, McEwen Stem Cell Institute, and Staff Pathologist, UHN Laboratory Medicine Program, UHN
11:30	11:40	Cell-based vascularization for cardiac regeneration post myocardial infarction	<b>Xuetao Sun</b> – Research Associate (Vasconcelos Lab), Toronto General Hospital Research Institute, UHN
11:40	12:00	Algorithm-directed bioprocess optimization for advanced physiological maturation of iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes	<b>Craig Simmons</b> – Professor, Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, U of T and Scientific Director, Translational Biology and Engineering Program, Ted Rogers Centre for Heart Research
12:00	12:05	Medicine by Design updates	<b>Allison Brown</b> – Executive Director, Medicine by Design

12:05 1:30 **LUNCH AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**SESSION 3**

*Moderator: Michael May – President and Chief Executive Officer, CCRM*

1:30	2:00	Stem cell science and the genesis of new therapeutic strategies for patients	<b>Derrick Rossi</b> – President and CEO, Convelo Therapeutics and Co-founder of Moderna Therapeutics
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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

2:00	2:15	Remarks to include special guests <b>Hon. Sylvia Jones</b> , Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and <b>Hon. Mark Holland</b> , Federal Minister of Health
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**Panel Discussion: Driving discovery to impact in regenerative medicine: the role of innovative partnerships**

2:15	3:00	<b>Helen Blau</b> – Donald E. and Delia B. Baxter Foundation Professor and Director, Baxter Laboratory for Stem Cell Biology, Stanford University School of Medicine
		<b>Derrick Rossi</b> – President and CEO, Convelo Therapeutics and Co-founder of Moderna Therapeutics
		<b>Fiona Watt</b> – EMBO Director, European Molecular Biology Laboratory
		<b>Peter Zandstra</b> – Director and Professor, School of Biomedical Engineering and Michael Smith Labs, University of British Columbia and Co-Founder ExCellThera and Notch Therapeutics

3:00 3:25 **BREAK**

**SESSION 4**

*Moderator: Dana Philpott – Associate Chair, Research, and Professor, Department of Immunology, U of T*

3:25	3:55	Engineering stem cell development and differentiation	<b>Peter Zandstra</b> – Director and Professor, School of Biomedical Engineering and Michael Smith Labs, University of British Columbia and Co-Founder ExCellThera and Notch Therapeutics
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**Novel strategies for immunomodulation**

3:55	4:15	New insights into IL-10-producing ILC2s and their applications in cell therapies	<b>Sarah Crome</b> – Scientist, Toronto General Hospital Research Institute and Ajmera Transplant Centre, UHN
4:15	4:25	In vitro generation of human CD4 T lineage cells from stem cells	<b>Julius Landas</b> – PhD Candidate (Zúñiga-Pflücker Lab), Department of Immunology, U of T
4:25	4:45	Why different is good: immunomodulation through heteroatomic tuning of ionizable lipids	<b>Omar Khan</b> – Assistant Professor, Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Immunology, U of T

4:45 4:55 **CLOSING REMARKS & POSTER AWARDS**

4:55 6:00 **RECEPTION AND NETWORKING**

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