



## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Botulinum Research Symposium, 2016

### Program

#### Wednesday, August 17, 2016

- 1- 4 PM      Arrival and check-in at hotels of general delegates
- 4:00-5:00 PM    Registration and Welcome, **Wamsutta Club**, 427 County Street  
New Bedford, MA
- 5:00 PM      Social and dinner
- 7:00 PM      Welcome to the evening program
- Session I    Session Chair – Michael Adler**, US Army Medical Research Institute of  
Chemical Defense, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
- 7:05 PM      **Dr. B.R. DasGupta Memorial Lecture –Dr. Ornella Rossetto**, University of  
Padova, Italy; Topic: *New insights into the biological actions of botulinum neurotoxins*
- 7:50 PM      Q&A

**Thursday, August 18, 2016, Wamsutta Club, First Floor Conference Room**

8:00 AM Registration and Continental breakfast,

8:30 AM *Introduction*, Bal Ram Singh, Botulinum Research Center

**Session II** **Session Chair – David Hodge**, US Department of Homeland Security

9:00 AM **Symposium Speech – Dr. John Barr**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA; Topic: *The interface of biology and chemistry: how advanced analytical techniques benefit our understanding of botulinum neurotoxins*

9:45 AM *Detection Technologies*, **Kodumudi Venkateswaran**, Omni Array Biotechnology, Inc., Rockville, MD

10:15 AM **Coffee/Tea break**

**Session III** **Session Chair – Klaus Fink**, MERZ, Germany

10:45 AM *Adaptation of botulinum neurotoxin detection for the laboratory response network*, **Suzanne R. Kalb** et al., Centers of Disease Control, Atlanta, GA.

11:15 Noon *The beauty of Synergy--A tri-epitop molecular captures the potency of three monoclonal antibody combination in BoNT neutralization*, **Jianlong Lou et al.**, University of California, San Francisco.

11:45 PM **Group Photo**

12:00 PM **Travel to Institute of Advanced Sciences, Fall River Facility, by Bus**

12:30 PM Lunch

**Session IV** **Session Chair – Shuowei Cai**, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, UMass Dartmouth

1:15 PM **Poster session**, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Fall River Facility

2:45 PM Travel back to Wamsutta Club

**Session V** **Session Chair – Shashi Kant Sharma**, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, USA.

- 3:15 PM      *Structural basis for botulinum neurotoxin A recognition of glycosylated receptor SV2*,  
**Min Dong et al.**, Boston Children Hospital, Harvard Medical School,  
Boston, MA
- 3:45 PM      *IGF-1 accelerates recovery of twitch tension in BoNT/A-intoxicated rat muscle*, **Michael  
Adler**, US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense
- 4:15 PM      *Solution Structure of Type Botulinum Neurotoxin Endopeptidase*, **Raj Kumar**,  
Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA
- 4:35 PM      *Computational drug discovery: developing efficient antidote against  
botulism*, **Valeri Barsegov**, Department of Chemistry, University of  
Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA
- 5:00 PM      **Break**

### **Thursday, August 18, 2016, Evening Program: Wamsutta Club**

- 6:00 PM      Social
- 6:30 PM      Lab Concert – Koyel Ghosal, Aisha Furey, Pedro DeSousa
- 7:15 PM      Dinner
- Session VI      Session Chair – Keith Foster**, IPSEN, UK
- 8:15 PM      **Evening Dinner Presentation** – *Treatment of depression with botulinum toxin A  
via the emotional proprioceptive pathway*, **Dr. Eric Finzi**, George Washington  
University School of Medicine, Washington, DC, USA
- 8:45 PM      Comments and Q&A

### **Friday, August 19, 2016, Wamsutta Club, First Floor**

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast
- 8:00 AM      **BRC Board** of Advisors meeting
- Session VII      Session Chair – Min Dong**, Boston Children Hospital, Harvard Medical  
School, Boston, MA
- 9:00 AM      *Botulinum and other biodefense programs at DHS*, **David Hodge**, Department of  
Homeland Security

- 9:15 AM *Immuno-PCR Assay for the Detection of Botulinum Neurotoxins Type A, B, E, and F in Food Matrices*, **Nagarajan Thirunavukkarasu**, US Food and Drug Administration, College Park, MD
- 9:45 AM *Biotbreast Detection Methods Assessment: Toxin Detection and Identification Tests Validation Paradigm*, **Aparajit Ram Venkateswaran**, Nishanth Parameswaran, David Hodge, Segaran Pillai and Kodumudi Venkateswaran, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX; Department of Homeland Security; Omni Array Biotechnology.
- 10:15 AM *B-cell based biosensor for rapid detection of botulinum neurotoxin serotype A*, **Nishanth Parameswaran**, Senthamil Selvan, Raj Kumar, Paul Lindo, Jeanette Simpson, Bal Ram Singh, David Hodge, and Kodumudi Venkateswaran, Omni Array Biotechnology; Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences; Prime Bio, Inc.
- 10:45 AM **Coffee/Tea break**
- Session VIII Session Chair** – Kodumudi Venkateswaran, Omni Array Biotechnology, Rockville, MD
- 11:00 AM *Something New and Interesting about BoNT*, **Andy Pickett**, Toxin Science Ltd., Wrexham, UK
- 11:30AM **Panel Discussion: Impact of Botulinum Therapeutic Industry on Research**  
 Michael Adler, USAMRICD  
 Min Dong, Harvard  
 Klaus Fink, MERZ, Germany  
 Keith Foster, IPSEN, UK  
 David Hodge, DHS  
 Suzanne Kalb, CDC
- 12:30 PM Symposium conclusion, lunch, networking, departure

## List of posters

1. *Quantitative structure activity relationships (QSAR) of psoralen nitro benzene analogs against Botulinum Neurotoxin type A* – **Kruti Birju Patel**, Shuowei Cai, and Bal Ram Singh; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA
2. *In vivo toxicity and immunological characterization of detoxified recombinant Botulinum neurotoxin type A* - Easwaran Ravichandran, **Kruti Patel**, Pavithra Janardhanan, Steve Riding, Shouwei Cai, and Bal Ram Singh; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth; Prime Bio, Inc., Dartmouth, MA
3. *Investigation of the Cellular Binding and Effect of P-80 on Caco-2 Cells* - **A Furey**, R Kumar and B R Singh; Botulinum Research Center. Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA
4. *The effects of long-term continuous passaging on the stability of Clostridium botulinum genome* - Ping-Ke Fang, Shashi Sharma, Brian H. Raphael, Narjol Gonzalez-Escalona, Jenny Davis, **Koyel Ghosal**, Susan E. Maslanka, Shuowei Cai, and Bal Ram Singh; Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA; CFSAN, USFDA, College Park, MD; CDC, Atlanta, GA; Prime Bio, Inc., Dartmouth, MA
5. *Quinololinol based BoNT inhibitor* – **Menlong Yu**, Siva Rasappalli, Kruti Patel, Shuowei Cai, and Bal Ram Singh; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth; Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA
6. *Development of Oroidin based anti-bacterial compounds* - **Vamshikrishna Reddy Sammeta** and Siva Rasapalli, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
7. *Natural product based medicinal chemistry* – **Umair Javed** and Siva Rasapalli, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
8. *Sizes and structures of SNAP-25 substrates and botulinum neurotoxin endopeptidase influence enzyme assays* - BR Singh, R Kumar, W Yang, T Feltrup, G Ambrin, TW Chang, **L Wang**, P Lindo, and S Cai; Botulinum Research Center, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA; Prime Bio, Inc., Dartmouth, MA; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA
9. *The implications of the BoNT/A endopeptidase C-terminus on substrate binding, enzyme activity, and maintaining a functionally disordered structure in solution* - **Thomas Feltrup**, Kruti Patel, Raj Kumar, Shuowei Cai, and Bal Ram Singh; Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA; Botulinum Research Center and Institute of Advanced Sciences, North Dartmouth, MA
10. *Institute of Advanced Sciences: Evolution of an Idea* – **Team INADS**