2018 WINTER UPDATE

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Greetings!

We are looking forward to another exciting meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL and anticipate a significant AADR overall attendance. As always, the Craniofacial Biology Group (CBG) features a long history of craniofacial research from orthodontists, pediatric dentists, clinicians and researchers - all possessing diverse training and scientific backgrounds.

The CBG, one of the larger groups of the IADR, always welcomes new members and is happy to provide career development resources as a part of this newsletter. Indeed, the primary purpose of the CBG is to promote excellence in clinical, translational and basic science research focused on the craniofacial complex. Please join us at our Business Meeting on Thursday, March 22, at 5-6 pm (location TBD). A joint reception will follow cohosted by the CBG, Stem Cell Biology, Mineralized Tissue, and Pulp Biology & Regeneration Groups.

We hope you can peruse this newsletter and mark your calendars for the CBG programming at the 2018 AADR meeting that includes everything from the latest in craniofacial stem cell research to the future of clinical dentistry and orthodontics using machine learning. The AADR Craniofacial Biology Keynote will be given on Friday March 23rd at 2 PM by Dr. Ophir Klein and is entitled “What big teeth you have: the rodent incisor as a model for adult stem cell biology.” Dr. Klein will present data from his group’s recent work focusing on the development and renewal of the rodent incisor, which is dependent on the continuous generation of progeny from stem cells that have the capacity to self-renew as well as to give rise to the required differentiated cell types.

The CBG will also offer an impressive IADR scientific program in July 2018 packed with collaborative symposia ranging from translational studies of tooth movement to the molecular genetics governing craniofacial development. Please be sure to submit your CBG abstracts soon and stay tuned for more news and events in the Summer 2018 newsletter!

S.A. Frazier-Bowers
President, CBG
This year, over 100 abstracts were submitted to the CFB Group. Of these, 16 abstracts will be presented as oral talks, 79 will be presented as part of our 5 poster sessions, and 11 abstracts that were originally submitted to our group have been accepted into either the “Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application” (SCADA) Competition or the “AADR Hatton Competition”. Congratulations to all!

A summary of all Craniofacial Biology Group Sponsored Events are listed below:

**WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018**
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Oral Session: Temporomandibular Joint and Mandibular Condylar Cartilage
Location: Grand Ballroom B

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Symposium: Life and Re-birth of Odontoblasts: Biology and Clinical Implications
Organizer(s): Jeremy Mao (Columbia University, New York, NY, USA), Jian Feng (Texas A&M University, Dallas, USA)

Sponsoring Groups: Stem Cell Biology Research, Pulp Biology & Regeneration Research, Craniofacial Biology
Location: Floridian A

**THURSDAY, March 22, 2018**
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Poster Session: Craniofacial Biology: Temporomandibular Joint and Mandibular Condylar Cartilage

12:30 AM – 1:45 PM
Lunch & Learn (Table #1): Machine Learning in Dentistry: Transforming Diagnostics and Clinical Practice (pre-registration and additional cost involved) Location: Hall D

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Oral Session: Craniofacial Biology Research
Location: Floridian B/C

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Poster Session: Craniofacial Biology: Cleft Lip +/- Palate Research

**FRIDAY, March 23, 2018**
8 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Symposium: Dental Oral Craniofacial Tissue Regeneration Consortia: A New Paradigm
Organizer(s): David Kohn (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA), Jeff Lotz (University of California, San Francisco, USA)

Sponsoring Groups: Stem Cell Biology Research, Mineralized Tissue, Craniofacial Biology
Location: Floridian A

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Poster Session: Craniofacial Biology: Dental Development and Disorders

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Oral Session: Keynote address; Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine CRANIOFACIAL BIOLOGY KEYNOTE ADDRESS
What Big Teeth You Have: The Rodent Incisor as a Model for Adult Stem Cell Biology (30 minutes) - Dr. Ophir Klein, M.D., Ph.D.
Location: Floridian B/C
FRIDAY, March 23, 2018 (cont.)
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Poster Session: Craniofacial Biology: Bone, Facial Growth and Tooth Movement

SATURDAY, March 24, 2018
8 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Symposium: The Novel Insights of Proteoglycans in Mineralized Tissues
Organizer: Xiaofang Wang (Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas, USA)

Sponsoring Groups: Mineralized Tissue, Craniofacial Biology
Location: Grand Ballroom G

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Poster Session: Craniofacial Biology: Craniofacial Development and Abnormalities

We would like to acknowledge the amazing help we received from a group of outstanding abstract reviewers (listed alphabetically):

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2018 IADR GENERAL SESSION
LONDON, UK

Don’t forget to submit your abstract to the Craniofacial Biology Group for the 96th General Session and Exhibition of the IADR, held in conjunction with the IADR Pan European Regional Congress, July 25-28, 2018, in London, England.

For more information on abstract submissions, see http://www.iadr.org/IADR/Meetings/2018IAGS

Abstract Submission Deadline – February 2, 2018

The IADR Craniofacial Biology Keynote will be given by Dr. Mary Marazita. Her talk is entitled “Genomic and Phenotypic Studies in Orofacial Cleft Families”

London Keynote Overview: Orofacial clefts (OFC) are the most common craniofacial birth defect, occurring in about 1/800 live births worldwide. In recent years, our group and others have discovered a variety of genomic regions associated with OFC, have identified functional variants at some of these regions, and have begun to tease out specific risk factors for specific OFC subtypes and sub-clinical phenotypes. In this talk, Dr. Marazita will summarize the current findings from her research group.

CFB GROUP ELECTION RESULTS

The recent IADR Craniofacial Biology Group election was run by the IADR Global Headquarters and the newly elected officers are:

Vice President: James L. Borke
Councilor: Bruno Ruest
MEMBER INFORMATION BOARD:

Meetings and Symposium:

45th Annual Moyers Symposium
And 43rd Annual International Conference on Craniofacial Research (Moyers Pre-symposium)
will be held at the University of Michigan. For more information: www.moyerssymposium.org/
March 2 – March 4, 2018

2018 COAST INNOVATORS WORKSHOP
Personalized and Precision Orthodontics:
Bridging the Biology-Technology Gap in Orthodontics & Craniofacial Care
The Scottsdale Plaza Resort, Scottsdale, AZ
For more information: www.faseb.org/src
September 12 – 16, 2018

Career Opportunities in Research
OPEN POSITION
Orthodontics Faculty Opening
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) School of Dentistry invites applications for a full-time, tenure track, open rank faculty position in the Dept of Orthodontics and the Biomedical Research Imaging Center (BRIC), both within a prestigious academic health center and public university. We are seeking an outstanding scientist and educator or clinician-scientist who will develop an independent and sustainable research program within the orthodontic department. A successful candidate will be expected to focus on novel machine learning platforms to advance the clinical treatment and research innovation of orthodontics in the 21st century. For more information contact Feng-Chang Lin, PhD flin33@email.unc.edu

Funding Opportunities:

American Association of Orthodontist Foundation
For more information: http://aaofoundation.net/AwardsProgram/AbouttheAOFAwardsProgram.aspx

Valuable Member Resources:

FaceBase is a collaborative NIDCR-funded consortium to generate data in support of advancing research into craniofacial development and malformation. For more information: https://www.facebase.org/about/

C-DOCTOR
Center for Dental, Oral, & Craniofacial Tissue & Organ Regeneration
The vision of C-DOCTOR is to assemble a comprehensive and dynamic team of clinicians, research scientists, biostatisticians, regulatory scientists, and pre-clinical/clinical trial experts to enable the development and clinical implementation of innovative approaches for dental, oral, and craniofacial tissue regeneration. For more information: http://c-doctor.org/
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