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XXIIIrd FECTS and ISMB Joint Meeting



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Dear Colleagues,

Our Twenty third Biannual FECTS meeting, to be held August 25-29 in Katowice, Poland, will address the key issues impacting research on extracellular matrix biology and related medical issues. Experts from across the research field, academia and biotech will present on recent advances, in research on matrix macromolecules, biomechanics, biomarkers, stem cells, novel targets, and updates on tissue engineering.

Hear the groundbreaking work of several keynote addresses. Network with leaders in the field while learning the latest research.

In addition to opening lecture by Prof. Karl Tryggvason (Stockholm, Sweden) on "Laminins - extracellular modulators of stem cell and cell lineage behaviour" this year's esteemed faculty includes:

- **Jo C Adams** (Bristol, UK) - Evolution of the Metazoan Extracellular Matrix
- **Maria Jose Alcaraz** (Valencia, Spain) - Inflammation and degradative mechanisms in joint diseases
- **Hilary Ashe** (Manchester, UK) - Title pending
- **Leena Bruckner-Tuderman** (Freiburg, Germany) - Title pending
- **Germán Camejo** (AstraZeneca) - Title pending
- **John Couchman** (Copenhagen, Denmark) - Syndecans as regulators of adhesion in normal and transformed cells
- **Dennis E Discher** (Philadelphia, USA) - The Nuclear Rheostat for Matrix and Tissue Rigidity
- **Andrzej Fertala** (Philadelphia, USA) - Mutations in Collagens; an Extracellular or Intracellular Problem
- **Peter Friedl** (Nijmegen, Netherlands) - Title pending
- **Leszek Kaczmarek** (Warsaw, Poland) - MMP-9 in the brain: The major player in synaptic plasticity
- **Shireen Lamandé** (Melbourne, Australia) - TRPV4 in skeletal development and arthritis
- **Hugues Lortat-Jacob** (Grenoble, France) - Title pending
- **Taina Pihlahaniemi** (Oulu, Finland) - Structural and regulatory roles of the endostatin collagens
- **Mariusz Ratajczak** (Louisville, USA) - Somatotrophic factors, stem cells, aging and cancer
- **Liliana Schaeffer** (Frankfurt, Germany) - Title pending
- **Lydia Sorokin** (Munster, Germany) - The Role of Vascular Laminins and MMPs in Leukocyte Migration into the CNS
- **Charles Streuli** (Manchester, UK) - The central role of integrins in controlling the development and function of mammary gland
- **Anthony S. Weiss** (Sydney, Australia) - Biomechanically coupled modules in human elastin

For more information, view a detailed conference agenda and other info at www.facts.pl.

There is an early registration discount being offered - register by May 15th and save up to 70 Euros.

See you in Katowice!

Best regards,

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