12th International Symposium on Polymer Therapeutics: From Laboratory to Clinical Practice

28th - 30th May 2018
Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe
Valencia, Spain
The 12th International Symposium on Polymer Therapeutics: *From Laboratory to Clinical Practice* will take place on the 28th - 30th of May 2018 at the Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe in the sunny Mediterranean city of Valencia, Spain.

The symposium will bring together post-doctoral scientists, postgraduate students, and other well-known colleagues in academia and industry in a friendly and engaging atmosphere to enjoy plenary lectures, short invited lectures, and poster presentations accompanied by short oral introductions. We hope this will ensure a relaxing, informative, and above all enjoyable event for all attendees.

The format of the 12th International Symposium on Polymer Therapeutics will be similar to the earlier successful meetings in the series. However, given the dramatic increase in clinical studies and the exponential rise in technologies/disease targets under investigation, we will struggle to accommodate every new advance made since the last meeting ended!

The 12th International Symposium on Polymer Therapeutics will provide:

- A chance for world-renowned scientists to share their recent research and vision for the future of Polymer Therapeutics in the context of interdisciplinary research at the interface of biology, chemistry, pharmaceutical sciences, and medicine
- The latest and most exciting developments in polymer technology and the biological and clinical disciplines relating to Polymer Therapeutics
- News on industrial and medical progress in the transfer of Polymer Therapeutics from the laboratory to the clinic
- Great opportunities for the active participation of young scientists from around the world through several Travel Grants intended to support attendance

The attendees are what make any meeting a success, so we invite you to join us and to pass this announcement to any other colleagues or contacts who you think may have an interest in attending the symposium.
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With the help of our International Advisory Board, we have begun to construct a highly exciting list of speakers, and while we are still confirming the final list, speakers already include:

Confirmed Plenary Lectures

David J. Mooney (Harvard University, USA)
Peter Turecek (Shire PLC, Austria, Vienna)
Samir Mitragotri (Harvard University, USA)
Jan E. Schnitzer (PRISM, USA)
**Confirmed Invited Lectures**

**William Zamboni** (UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, USA)

**Steve P. Rannard** (University of Liverpool, UK)

**Cristianne Rijken** (Cristal Therapeutics, The Netherlands)

**Alexander V. Kabanov** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA)

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**Arwyn Jones** (Cardiff University, UK)

**Muthiah (Mano) Manoharan** (Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, USA)

**Michael Whittaker** (Monash University, Australia)

**Hua Lu** (Peking University, China)

**Roey J. Amir** (Tel Aviv University, Israel)

**Jonathan Zalevsky** (Nektar Therapeutics, USA)

**Matthias Barz** (Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany)

**Margit M. Janát-Amsbury** (University of Utah Health, USA)

**Masayuki Yokoyama** (Jikei University, Tokyo, Japan)

**Carsten Behrens** (Novo Nordisk, Denmark)

In addition, we are organizing two **Round Table Discussions**:

**Round Table 1**: Chaired by **Marianne B. Ashford** (AstraZeneca, UK) - Translating Polymer Therapeutics into Clinical Reality: Challenges and Opportunities

**Round Table 2**: Co-chaired by **Mary Bossard** (Nektar Therapeutics, USA) and **Gianfranco Pasut** (Univ. Padova, Italy) - Issues and Controversies on PEG Safety

The meeting will start midday on Monday 28th May 2018 and end the afternoon of Wednesday 30th May. We will provide lunches and drinks and snacks will accompany the poster sessions. Furthermore, we invite all attendees to the **Welcome Dinner** at the spectacular Submarino Restaurant at the nearby Oceanogràfic aquarium in the City of Arts and Sciences.

We will shortly provide further information on speakers and registration on our website (ispt.cipf.es), where you can still see the great selection of speakers and topics from our previous conferences.

Looking forward to seeing many of you here in Valencia next May

With thanks,

María J. Vicent