

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**The International Cell Death**

**Society Symposium on**

***“Cell Death in Infectious Diseases and Cancer”***

**Misty Hills Country Hotel, Muldersdrift, Johannesburg, South Africa**

**June 5-June 8, 2009**

Friday 5th June 2009

Registration Opens 9:00am

**Session 1: Introduction & Awards**

**Chair: Zahra Zakeri: Queens College, U.S.A**

**2:00-2:15pm Introduction**

**Dr. Zahra Zakeri: Queens College, U.S.A.**

**2:15-3:30pm**

**3:30-3:45pm Presenting Award to Dr Marie-Lise Gougeon Richard  
Lockshin: St. Johns University, U.S.A**

**3:45-4:30pm Modulation of cell death: a key to HIV pathogenesis**

**Marie-Lise Gougeon: Institut Pasteur, France**

**4:30-4:45pm Presenting Award to Dr. Douglas Green**

**4:45-5:30pm Dynamics of Mitochondrial Events in Apoptosis**

**Doug Green: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, U.S.A**

**7:00pm DINNER**

**Saturday 6. June 2008**

Registration Opens 8:00am

**Session 2: Viruses, immunity, and cell death**

**Chair: Ray Birge: New Jersey Medical School, U.S.A**

**9:00-9:30am TRAIL expressing plasmacytoid dendritic cells: a new killer cell type  
in immunity**

**Jean-Philippe Herbeuval: Université Paris Descartes Hôpital Necker, France**

**9:30-10:00am Cell Death in HIV**

**Debra Meyer:University of Pretoria, South Africa**

**10:00-10:15am SHORT TALK**

**10:15-10:30am      SHORT TALK**

**10:30-11:00am      COFFEE**

**Session 3: Viruses and cell death**

**Chair:Zodwa Dlamini: University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa**

**11:00-11:30am      Apoptosis in HIV**

**Anil Chuturgoon: Faculty of Health Science, South Africa**

**11:30-11:45          SHORT TALK**

**12:00pm              SHORT TALK**

**12:00-2:00pm      LUNCH**

**2:00- 2:30 pm      Mechanisms of pathogenesis of influenza virus  
Adolfo Garcia-Sastre: Mount Sinai School of Medicine, U.S.A**

**2:30-3:00pm        To kill or not to kill—a viral dilemma:  
Zahra Zakeri: Queens College CUNY**

**3:00-3:15 pm        SHORT TALK**

**3:15-3:30 pm            SHORT TALK**

**3:30-4:00 pm            COFFEE BREAK**

**Session 4: Cell defenses and apoptotic machinery**

**Chair: Luis Benitez-Bribiesca, UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico**

**4:00-4:30pm            Mcl-1, DUBs and Death**

**Vishva Dixit: Genentech Inc., U.S.A**

**4:30-5:00pm            Hepatotoxic factor(s) of helicobacter pullorum modulate the cell cycle  
with ensuing mitotic catastrophe as a prestage to necrosis**

**Dr. Katharina D'Herde: University of Gent. Belgium**

**5:00pm- 7:00pm        POSTER SESSION**

**7:00pm                    DINNER**

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**Sunday 7. June 2008**

Registration Opens 8:00am

**Session 5: Cell Death Pathways**

**Chair: Marianna Sikorska: National Research Council Canada, Canada**

**9:00-9:30am            Death-associated protein kinase family as an integrator of apoptosis and autophagy**

**Devrim Gozuacik MD, PhD: SABANCI University, Turkey**

**9:30-10:00am            Cell Death and the Inflammasome: Sensing Danger and Microbial Infection**

**Gabriel Nuñez: The University of Michigan Med School, U.S.A**

**10:00-10:15am            SHORT TALK**

**10:15-10:30am            SHORT TALK**

**10:30-11:00am            COFFEE BREAK**

**Session 6: Autophagy and alternative pathways**

**Chair: Anna-Mart Engelbrecht: Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

**11:00-11:30am**      **Alternative cell death pathways in human diseases**

**Junying Yuan: Harvard Medical School, U.S.A**

**11:30-12:00pm**      **ROS and stress signaling in cancer therapy: is autophagy good or bad?**

**Patrizia Agostinis: Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium**

**12:00-2:00pm**      **LUNCH**

**Session 7: Apoptosis pathways in aging and cancer**

**Chair: Roya Khosravi-Far: Harvard Medical School, U.S.A**

**2:00-2:30pm**      **Regulation of cell death and senescence by cancer genes**

**Scott Lowe: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, U.S.A**

**2:30-3:00pm**      **Biological function of DWNN protein during apoptosis**

**Monde Ntwasa: University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa**

**3:00-3:15pm**      **Exploiting apoptosis pathways in cancers: from molecules to clinical application**

**Simone Fulda: University of Ulm, Germany**

**3:15-3:30pm**      **SHORT TALK**

**3:30-4:00pm**            **COFFEE BREAK**

**Session 8: Autophagy and other pathways in cancer**

**Chair: Simone Fulda: University of Ulm, Germany**

**4:00-4:30pm**            **Cell Death in Cancer; evaluation of novel anti-cancer drugs**

**Mervin Meyer: University of the Western Cape, South Africa**

**4:30-5:00pm**            **Role of Autophagy in Cancer and Therapy**

**Eileen White: The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, U.S.A**

**5:00pm-7:00pm**        **POSTER SESSION**

**7:00pm**                **DINNER**

**Monday 8. June 2009**

Registration Opens 8:00am

**Session 9: Therapeutic challenges of cell death**

**Chair: Nader Maghsoudi: Shahid Behesti University of Medical Sciences, Iran**

**9:00-9:30am**                    **Salicylic acid and Hsp70: partners for inducing apoptosis in breast cancer cells**

**Marianne Cronje: University of Johannesburg, South Africa**

**9:30-10:00am**                **Evasion of Apoptosis: A mechanism for Tumorigenicity and a Challenge in therapy**

**Roya Khosravi-Far: Harvard Medical School, U.S.A**

**10:00-10:15am**            **Title TBA-----**

**Gustavo Amarante-Mendes : University of São Paulo Brazil**

**10:15-10:30am**            **SHORT TALK**

**10:30-11:00am**            **COFFEE**

**11:00-11:30am**            **Cell Death in Breast Cancer**

**Annie Joubert: University of Pretoria, South Africa**

**11:30-11:45**                **Cell Death in Oesophageal Cancer**

**Denver Hendricks: University of Cape Town, South Africa**

**11:45-12:00pm**            **Wrap-up: Ray Birge: New Jersey Medical School, U.S.A**

**End of Meeting**