21st Annual NIH Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Diseases
“Liver Disease across the Age Spectrum: Studies of Genetics and the Environment”

Wednesday, September 22, 2021
National Constitution Center
Independence Mall, 525 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

8:00 am – 8:30 am  REGISTRATION and BREAKFAST
8:30 am – 8:40 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:40 am  SESSION I: Metabolic Liver Disease - I
8:40 am – 9:10 am  Keynote Speaker
Dan Rader, MD
Seymore Gray Professor of Molecular Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
“Genetics, Lipidomics, Bariatrics and BioBanking, AI/imaging”
9:10 am – 9:30 am  Marijana Vujkovic, PhD, MSCE
Research Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
“NAFLD Genetics”
9:30 am – 9:40 am  Abstract Talk #1
9:40 am – 10:00 am  David E. Kaplan, MD, MSc
Associate Professor of Medicine, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center
“Statins and Cirrhosis”
10:00 am – 10:20 am  BREAK
10:20 am  SESSION 2: Metabolic Liver Disease - II
10:20 am – 10:40 am  Farid Alisafaei, PhD
Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Pennsylvania
“Modeling the Impact of Cytoplasmic Lipid Droplets on the Nucleus”
10:40 am – 11:00 am  10 Trainee Flash Talks
11:00 am – 11:30 am  Keynote Speaker
Jacquelyn Maher, MD
Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology
Director, UCSF Liver Center
Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco
“ER Stress in Metabolic Liver Disease”
11:30 am – 1:00 pm  LUNCH and POSTER SESSION
1:00 pm  SESSION 3: Cholangiopathies - I
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Keynote Speaker
Konstantinos N. Lazaridis, MD
Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic
“PSC Genetics”
1:30 pm – 1:50 pm  Michael A. Pack, MD
Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
“Zebrafish Models of Biliary Disease”
1:50 pm – 2:00 pm  Abstract Talk #2
2:00 pm – 2:20 pm  Kathleen M. Loomes, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
“Children Studies”
2:20 pm – 2:40 pm  BREAK
2:40 pm  SESSION 4: Cholangiopathies - II
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm  Theodore George Drivas, MD, PhD
Clinical Associate of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
“Genetics of Cholangiopathies”
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm  Ben Z. Stanger, MD, PhD
Hanna Wise Professor in Cancer Research, University of Pennsylvania
“Biliary Reprogramming”
3:20 pm – 3:40 pm  Klaus H. Kaestner, PhD
Thomas and Evelyn Suor Butterworth Professor in Genetics, University of Pennsylvania
“Mass Cytometry and Cholangiocarcinoma”

Register online at: https://somapps.med.upenn.edu/forms/molecular/view.php?id=14028