Western Organoid Workshop (W.O.W.)

Thursday November 3rd, 2022; 9AM – 4:30PM

University Community Centre (UCC) Building, McKellar Theatre, Room 290

Schedule:

8:45 – 9:15 AM	Registration and Breakfast	(McKellar Theatre, UCC)

9:15 - 9:30 AM Welcome remarks (Dr. Christopher Pin, Professor, Physiology and Pharmacology, Oncology, and

Paediatrics, and Dr. Robert Bartha, Vice Dean Research and Innovation, Schulich School of Medicine

and Dentistry)

Session 1: 3D Models to Study Cell Development / Biology (Chair: Dr. Van Lu)			
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Dr. Van Lu, Assistant Professor, Physiology and Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Targeting human enteroendocrine cells to study intestinal chemosensory mechanisms"		
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Dr. Mathieu Derouet, Postdoctoral Fellow (Samuel Asfaha), Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Establishment of human colonic organoid bank for studying IBD and colorectal cancer"		
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Dr. Dean Betts, Professor, Physiology and Pharmacology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Generation of human blastoids from pluripotent stem cells to model embryo development and implantation"		
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Dr. Stephen Renaud, Associate Professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "3-D modeling of the maternal-fetal interface"		

11:15 - 11:30 AM Break

AM Keynote Speaker:		
Dr. Stephane Angers, Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Biochemistry; Director, Donnelly Centre for Cellular + Biomolecular Research, University of Toronto "Growing tissue organoids with synthetic growth factors"		

Session 2: Patient-Derived Cancer Organoid Models (Chair: Dr. Trevor Shepherd)			
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Dr. Trevor Shepherd, Associate Professor, OB/GYN, Anatomy and Cell Biology and Oncology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Expanding our Mary and John Knight TOCRU resource capacity with ovarian cancer patient-derived organoids"		
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Carlijn Van Kessel, PhD candidate (Silvia Penuela and Matthew Hebb), Anatomy and Cell Biology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Exploring the role of Pannexin 1 in glioblastoma multiforme using a spheroid model system"		
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Dr. Emilie Jaune-Pons, Postdoctoral Fellow (Christopher Pin), Physiology and Pharmacology and Oncology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Establishment and characterization of a living biobank for pancreatic cancer"		
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Dr. Vasu Bhat, Postdoctoral Fellow (Alison Allan and Armen Parsyan), Anatomy and Cell Biology and Oncology, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry "Modeling breast cancer using patient-derived organoids"		

2:45 – 3:00 PM Break

PM Keynote Speaker:		
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Dr. Faiyaz Notta, Assistant Professor, Medical Biophysics; Scientist, OICR, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University of Toronto "Pancreatic cancer: from genomes to organoids to patients"	

4:00 - 4:30 PM Discussion and closing remarks