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Theme

Carbohydrates are important mediators of many types of cell-cell and cell-environment interactions. They are involved in activating immune cells, influencing the course of cell differentiation and proliferation, modulating apoptotic signals, establishing neural pathways and enveloping pathogens as part of both immune defense and infection. The combined goals of the symposium and workshop are to assess our state of knowledge in these areas and identify technological advances that will fill critical gaps in our knowledge about glycan-interacting systems.

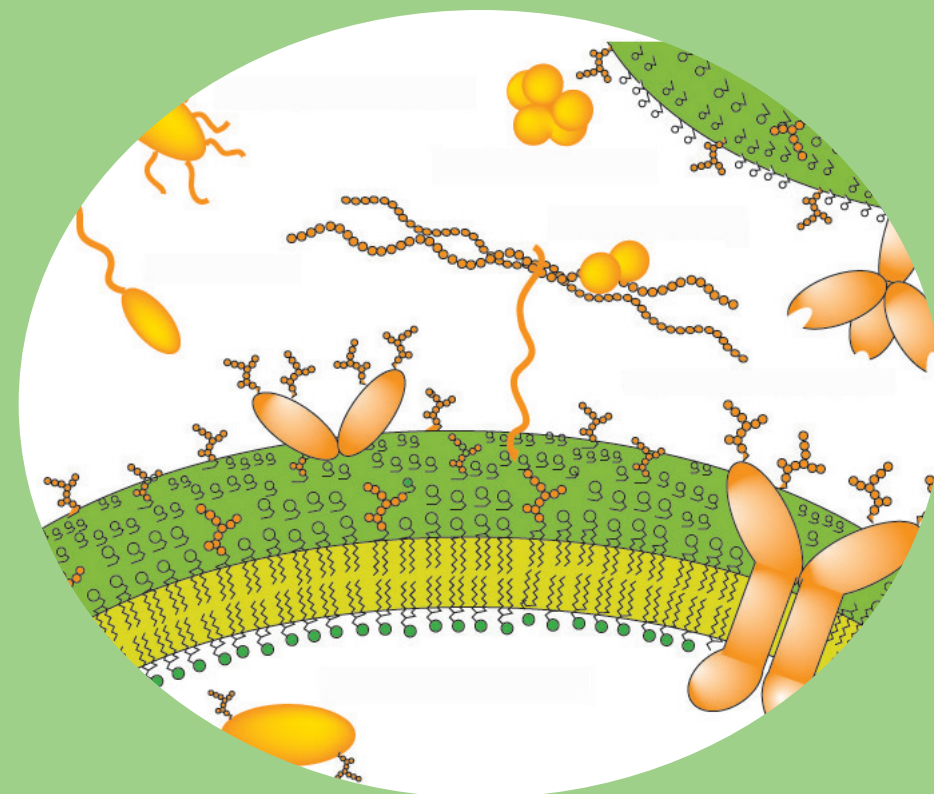
The Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (CCRC) of the University of Georgia and the Consortium for Functional Glycomics (CFG), funded by the NIH/NIGMS through the Scripps Research Institute, have joined forces to sponsor these events. The CCRC has previously sponsored yearly symposia highlighting a broad range of carbohydrate research. This year, a program has been designed to focus on biomedically important roles for glycans in the regulation of basic cellular function and new methods to investigate those roles. The symposium program is intended to complement a CFG workshop that will highlight examples of glycan action in the important areas of cancer, development and inflammation. Both events are intended to promote interactions among scientists interested in carbohydrate function, and all attendees are encouraged to participate in the combined events.

Venue

The Complex Carbohydrate Research Center (CCRC) is housed in a 140,000 sq. ft. building at the edge of the University of Georgia campus. It houses 17 faculty groups with research devoted to various aspects of carbohydrate science. The CCRC is home to the UGA Cancer Center and four federally designated centers for carbohydrate research. The CCRC also provides analytical service and laboratory training courses to scientists in academia and industry. The Center has a modern auditorium that seats 250. The campus itself is 70 miles from the Atlanta airport. Flights to Atlanta from all parts of the world are readily available. For more information on registration, hotels and transportation, visit the symposium website at: <http://www.ccrc.uga.edu/symposium>.

Georgia Glycoscience Symposium and CFG Workshop

Paradigms for Glycan Action in Development and Disease



March 14-15, 2011

**Complex Carbohydrate Research Center
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia**

Monday, March 14 - Glycoscience Symposium

8:30 - 10:15 am Intra-Cellular Regulation and Quality Control

Session Chair and Keynote Address

John Hanover - NIDDK, National Institutes of Health

Speakers

Gerald Hart - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Daniel Hebert - University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Mark Lehrman - UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas

Richard Steet - University of Georgia

Discussion

10:15 - 10:35 am Coffee Break

10:35 - 12:05 pm Pathogen Biology and Human Defense

Session Chair

Jim Prestegard - University of Georgia

Keynote Speaker

Angela Gronenborn - University of Pittsburgh

Speakers

Brian Cobb - Case Western Reserve University

Channe Gowda - Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine

Christine Szymanski - University of Alberta, Canada

Discussion

12:05 - 1:35 pm Lunch and Poster Session

1:35 - 3:05 pm Neural Cell Interactions

Session Chair

Michael Tiemeyer - University of Georgia

Keynote Speaker

Ronald Schnaar - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Speakers

Rita Gerardy-Schahn - Hannover Medical School, Germany

Vlad Panin - Texas A&M University

Yu Yamaguchi - Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute

Discussion

3:05 - 3:25 pm Coffee Break

3:25 - 4:55 pm Challenges and New Technologies in Glycoscience

Session Chair

Parastoo Azadi - University of Georgia

Keynote Speaker

Robert Sackstein - Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University

Speakers

R. Graham Cooks - Purdue University

Carlito Lebrilla - University of California, Davis

Lai-Xi Wang - University of Maryland School of Medicine

Lianchun Wang - University of Georgia

Discussion

4:55 - 5:45 pm Reception and Poster Session

6:15 pm Perspectives on the Future of Glycobiology (campus-wide lecture)

Speaker

Ajit Varki - University of California, San Diego

Tuesday, March 15 - CFG Workshop

8:30 -10:25 am Glycans in Development and Cancer

Session Chair

Joy Burchell - King's College London, United Kingdom

Keynote Speakers

Robert Haltiwanger - Stony Brook University

Michael (Tony) Hollingsworth - University of Nebraska

Speakers

Joy Burchell - King's College London, United Kingdom

Sandra Gendler - Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Scottsdale

Gabriel Rabinovich - University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Discussion

10:25 - 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:15 pm Glycans in Inflammation and Immunology

Session Chair

Richard Cummings - Emory University School of Medicine

Keynote Speaker

Laura Kiessling - University of Wisconsin

Speakers

Bruce Bochner - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Rodger McEver - Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

Jeffrey Ravetch - The Rockefeller University

Discussion

12:15 - 1:35 pm Lunch

1:35 - 2:10 pm Session Reports

2:10 - 2:55 pm White Paper Discussion

