The 65th annual
Montagna Symposium on the Biology of Skin

presents

The Skin: Our Sensory Organ for Itch, Pain, Touch and Pleasure

October 20 – 24, 2016
Salishan Resort, Gleneden Beach, Oregon, USA

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Program

Thursday, October 20

THURSDAY EVENING

4:30 pm
Hotel check-in (front desk) and Symposium check-in (in Long House Lobby)

6:00 pm
Opening Reception (in Council House)

KEYNOTE SESSION
(in Long House)

7:00 pm
Gil Yosipovitch, MD (University of Miami)
Welcome and introductions

7:15 pm
Keynote: Francis McGlone, PhD
Professor in Neuroscience; Head, Somatosensory & Affective Neuroscience Group,
School of Natural Sciences & Psychology, Liverpool John Moores University
“A symphony in C”
Friday, October 21

FRIDAY MORNING
7:00 – 7:55 am
Breakfast (in Council House)

8:00 am  Molly Kulesz-Martin, PhD  (Oregon Health & Science University)
Welcome and thanks (in Long House)

ITCH, PART I
(in Long House)

Session Chair: Ethan Lerner

8:15 am  Ethan Lerner, MD, PhD  (Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital)
Session introduction

8:20 am  Ethan Lerner, MD, PhD  (Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital)
"Epidermis as itch receptor"

9:00 am  Earl Carstens, PhD  (University of California, Davis)
"Animal models of itch"

9:40 am  Ferda Cevikbas, PhD  (Anacor Pharmaceuticals)
"Restoring GABAergic inhibitory control reduces acute and chronic itch in mice"

9:55 am  Break (in Long House Lobby)

10:10 am  Sonja Ständer, MD  (University of Münster)
"Neuropathic itch: mechanisms and treatments"

10:50 am  Diana Bautista, PhD  (University of California, Berkeley)
"Neuron-immune cell signaling in atopic dermatitis"

11:30 am  Paula Pereira, PhD  (Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital)
"Spinal PI3K-gamma activation mediates GRPR-related itching transmission in mice"

11:45 am – 1:00 pm
Lunch (in Council House)
Food served from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

ITCH, PART II
(in Long House)

Session Chairs: Ethan Lerner and Cheryl Stucky

1:00 pm Ethan Lerner, MD, PhD (Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital)
Session introduction

1:05 pm Mark Hoon, PhD (National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, NIH)
"A role for somatostatin in itch"

1:45 pm Sarah Ross, PhD (University of Pittsburgh)
"A neural basis for the inhibition of itch by counter-stimuli"

2:25 pm
Break (in Long House Lobby)

2:40 pm Maria Hordinsky, MD (University of Minnesota)
"Neurodermatology: scalp neuropathy as an explanation for the painful, burning symptomatic scalp"

2:55 pm Quinn Roth-Carter, BA (Oregon Health & Science University)
"Eosinophils increase thymic stromal lymphopoietin expression in keratinocytes"

3:10 pm Nicole Ward, PhD (Case Western Reserve University)
"Opposing roles for Neurokinin-1 receptor+ skin resident versus circulating immune cells"

POSTER SESSION

3:25 pm Molly Kulesz-Martin, PhD (Oregon Health & Science University)
Presentation of
- Society for Investigative Dermatology Eugene M. Farber Travel Awards for Young Investigators
- National Psoriasis Foundation Travel Grants
- Montagna Symposium Director’s Travel Awards for Fostering Skin Research Among Underrepresented Scientists
- Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology Travel Award

3:40 – 6:00 pm
Poster Session and Reception (in Long House Lobby and Long House)
SATURDAY MORNING
7:00 – 7:55 am
Breakfast  (in Council House)

PAIN
(in Long House)

Session Chair: Diana Bautista

8:00 am Diana Bautista, PhD  (University of California, Berkeley)
   Session introduction
8:05 am Allan Basbaum, PhD  (University of California, San Francisco)
   “Cell transplant-mediated regulation of chronic pain and itch”
8:45 am Rebecca Seal, PhD  (University of Pittsburgh)
   “Dorsal horn circuits for chronic pain”
9:25 am Daniel Bruce, BA  (University of Minnesota)
   “Peripherally restricted opioid combination therapy synergizes in multiple pain states”
9:40 am Break  (in Long House Lobby)

9:55 am Cheryl Stucky, PhD  (Medical College of Wisconsin)
   “Optogenetic silencing of CGRPα-expressing cutaneous sensory neurons implicates a role in neuropathic pain”
10:35 am Qiufu Ma, PhD  (Harvard Medical School/Dana Farber Cancer Institute)
   “Identification of spinal circuits transmitting chronic dynamic mechanical pain”
11:15 am Martin Schmelz, MD  (University of Heidelberg)
   “Chronic pain and itch similarities”
11:55 am – 1:15 pm Lunch on own

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
1:20 pm Coastal Hills Hike - meet to form carpools to hike trailhead outside hotel lobby OR free time

SATURDAY EVENING
6:15 pm Banquet Dinner  (in Council House)
   Nina Jablonski, PhD
   Evan Pugh University Professor of Anthropology, The Pennsylvania State University
   “Evolution of skin as a sensory organ”

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Sunday, October 23

SUNDAY MORNING
7:00 – 7:55 am
Breakfast  (in Council House)

TOUCH
(in Long House)

Session Chair: Ellen Lumpkin

8:00 am  Ellen Lumpkin, PhD  (Columbia University Medical Center)
Session introduction

8:05 am  Jorg Grandl, PhD  (Duke University Medical Center)
“Transduction of repetitive mechanical stimuli by Piezo ion channels”

8:45 am  Elena Ezhkova, PhD  (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai)
“Specification of Merkel cells”

9:25 am  Hironobu Fujiwara, PhD  (RIKEN Center)
“Hair follicle stem cells define a niche for tactile sensation via secretion of a specialized ECM”

9:40 am  Break  (in Long House Lobby)

9:55 am  Ellen Lumpkin, PhD  (Columbia University Medical Center)
“Molecular and cellular mechanisms of touch”

10:35 am  Victoria Abraira, PhD  (Harvard Medical School)
“The cellular and synaptic architecture of the mechanosensory dorsal horn”

11:15 am – 12:30 pm
Lunch  (in Council House)
Food served from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

PLEASURE
(in Long House)

Session Chair: Francis McGlone

12:30 pm  Francis McGlone, PhD (Liverpool John Moores University)
           Session introduction

12:35 pm  Helena Backlund Wasling, PhD (University of Gothenburg)
           “Pleasure of touch”

1:15 pm   Håkan Olausson, MD, PhD (Linköping University)
           “Touch and unmyelinated tactile afferents”

1:55 pm   Saad Nagi, PhD (Linköping University)
           “Expansive mechanoreceptors sensitive to skin stroking in humans”

2:10 pm   Break (in Long House Lobby)

2:25 pm   Susannah Walker, PhD (Liverpool John Moores University)
           “Skin touch: More than mechanosensation”

3:05 pm   Gil Yosipovitch, MD (University of Miami)
           “The pleasure and reward systems of scratching an itch”

3:45 – 5:15 pm

FUTURE DIRECTIONS: APPLYING NEW APPROACHES TO SKIN SENSATION RESEARCH

Moderator: Gil Yosipovitch

Group discussion with all meeting participants on next steps: new partnerships and new treatments, including funding strategies, unmet needs, the obstacles to translation to clinic to be overcome, and government-academic-industry relationships

Panelists:  Frank Liebel, BS (AVON Products, Inc.)
           Tom Sciascia, PhD (Trevi Therapeutics)
           Hung Tseng, PhD (NIAMS)
           Preeti Hans, MBA (NINDS)

SUNDAY EVENING

6:00 pm  Potlatch Salmon Barbecue
           At the home of Drs. Jim & Diane Baker, on the beach
           (weather permitting - alternative site: Cedar Tree Room at Salishan)
           Buses depart 5:50 & 6:10 pm, return 8:10 & 8:30 pm
Monday, October 24

7:15 – 8:15 am
   Breakfast (in Council House)

8:15 am
   Airport bus loading (outside hotel lobby)

8:30 am
   Airport bus departs