

# Alternative Muscle Club Meeting 2018



## Meeting Program

Monday,  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

UC San Diego

 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

  
HEART INSTITUTE

 SBP Sanford Burnham Prebys MEDICAL DISCOVERY INSTITUTE



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## INVOLVED INSTITUTIONS

**UC San Diego**



**SBP** Sanford Burnham Prebys  
MEDICAL DISCOVERY INSTITUTE

## ORGANIZATIONAL AND CORPORATE SPONSORS

**Parent Project  
Muscular Dystrophy**  
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**Thermo Fisher** - Tracy Padgett, John Blessinger

**Eppendorf** - Victoria Kelley

**Surf Diva** - Coco Tihanyi, Izzy Tihanyi, Erica Savage

# WELCOME NOTE

**Thank you for attending the Alternative Muscle Club 2018!**

We like to welcome all attendees to the 6th iteration of the Alternative Muscle Club in San Diego. This years meeting will be at Telemedicine and Medical Education Building on the campus of UCSD.

With ~100 attendees from California and San Diego, we are certain that this years AMC meeting will be another great success. *Prof. Christopher Glembotski* from the *SDSU Heart Institute* has kindly agreed to sponsor this years **Young Investigator Awards**, and the **poster prizes**. We will also have another '**Jean Hanson Award**' winner to promote diversity in science. This award is sponsored by *StemoniX*.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the institutional support we receive, and to our corporate sponsors and the charitable organizations that help us to organize this meeting!

The AMC has always been a meeting for young scientists with a strong emphasis on career support and networking. Therefore, we are continuing the **Translational Medicine Workshop** that is run in collaboration with the *Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy* and the *Eureka Institute*. We also added two more career events: the '**Alternative Career Paths**' workshop and a '**Patenting and Innovation Panel**' to this years meeting, which may be of interest to a lot of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and young faculty.

**Most importantly we hope that you enjoy this years AMC.** We are sure that the scientific breadth and quality of the research and its participants will make for an exciting meeting!

With kind regards,

*Jessica Wang*

*Lauren Elisa Schultz*

*Chao Chen*

*Erik Blackwood*

*David Sala Cano*

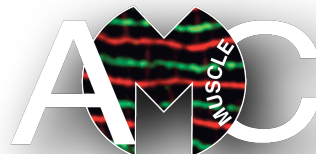
*Mai Tran*

*Alice Zemljic-Harpf*

*Fang Xi*

*Stephan Lange*

the meeting organizers.



## MEETING OUTLINE

<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>WHERE?</u>
8:30am-9:00am	Registration, Breakfast, Poster hanging	<i>MET Building Courtyard</i>
9:00am-9:05am	Welcome Address	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
9:05am-10:05am	<b>Podium Session 1</b>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
10:05am-10:20am	Coffee Break	
10:20am-11:20am	<b>Podium Session 2</b>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
11:20am-12:00pm	<b>Keynote by Prof. Alessandra Sacco Eureka Network-Duchenne (END) Translational Medicine Workshop</b>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
12pm-2:00pm	Lunch break & Poster session	<i>MET Building Courtyard</i>
	<b>Poster Session</b> <i>odd numbered posters: 12:30pm-1:15pm even numbered posters: 1:15pm-2pm</i>	<i>MET Building Courtyard</i>
2:00pm-2:55pm	<b>Career Development Panels:</b> <i>Alternative Career Paths</i>	<i>MET Conference Room 145</i>
	<i>Patenting and Innovation</i>	<i>BRF2 Room 1207</i>
2:55pm-3:55pm	<b>Podium Session 3</b>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
3:55pm-4:10pm	Coffee Break / poster removal	
4:10pm-5:10pm	<b>Podium Session 4</b>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
5:10pm-5:25pm	<i>Jean Hanson Award presentation</i>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
5:25pm-5:35pm	<i>Award Ceremony</i>	<i>MET Building Conference Room 145</i>
from 5:45pm	<b>Reception / Networking / Social Mixer</b>	<i>Walk to The LOFT @ UCSD</i>

# SCIENTIFIC PODIUM SESSIONS

## REGISTRATION

MET COURTYARD

8:30am-9:00am **Registration** / Coffee / Social  
*Poster presenters: Please hang up your posters!*  
*Presenters for Session 1, please set up your computers.*

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## PODIUM SESSION 1

MET Conference Room 145

*Session Chairs: Erik Blackwood & Fang Xi*

9:00am-9:05am **Welcome address**

9:05am-9:20am Anup Sarraki  
*Harnessing the Therapeutic Potential of the Adaptive ATF6 Branch of the Unfolded Protein Response*

9:20am-9:35am Daniel Smith  
*Genetic Approaches to investigating the role of the Drosophila and human UNC-45 chaperone in muscle development.*

9:35am-9:50am Julius Bogomolovas  
*Towards understanding molecular relevance of small heat shock protein - BAG3 interaction in heart.*

9:50am-10:05am Georg Vogler  
*High-throughput cardiac in vivo platform to functionally validate genome-wide candidate genes for congenital heart disease .*

**15 minutes break**

**PODIUM SESSION 2**

MET CONFERENCE ROOM 145

*Session Chairs: David Sala Cano & Mai Tran*

- 10:20am-10:35am **Francesca Boscolo**  
*Muscle stem cells mediates rhabdomyosarcoma development in a mouse model for muscular dystrophy.*
- 10:35am-10:50am **Luca Caputo**  
*Transcription factor-directed re-wiring of chromatin architecture.*
- 10:50am-11:05am **Michael Hicks**  
*ERBB3 and NGFR mark distinct skeletal muscle progenitor cells in human development enabling hPSC muscle maturation*
- 11:05am-11:20am **Vitor Martins**  
*The acetyltransferases p300 and CBP are not required for insulin-stimulated glucose uptake in skeletal muscle.*

KEYNOTE & WORKSHOP

11:20am-12:00pm

**KEYNOTE BY PROF. ALESSANDRA SACCO**

MET CONFERENCE ROOM 145

**EUREKA NETWORK-DUCHENNE (END) TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE WORKSHOP**

*Alice Zemljic-Harpf*

**LUNCH & SCIENTIFIC POSTER SESSION**

MET COURTYARD

- 12:00am-2:00pm **Lunch**
- 12:30pm-2:00pm **Poster Session**  
  - Odd numbered posters: 12:30pm-1:15pm*
  - Even numbered posters: 1:15pm-2pm*

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT PANELS:**

MET CONFERENCE ROOM 145

2:00pm-2:55pm

**Alternative Career Paths Panel***Christian Carson (Becton Dickinson)**Allison Komiyama (AcKnowledge Regulatory Strategies, LLC)**Mark Lewis (Swift Biosciences)**Craig Rappaport (Olympus)*

BRF2 ROOM 1207

2:00pm-2:55pm

**Patenting & Innovation Panel***Farah Sheikh (UC San Diego)**Cory Bentley (RIFT Biotherapeutics)**John R. Wetherell (Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP)**Devora Rossi (UC San Diego)*

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**PODIUM SESSION 3**

MET CONFERENCE ROOM 145

*Session Chairs: Jessica Wang and Chao Chen*

2:55pm-3:10pm

Alice Zemljic-Harpf

*The cardioprotective role of kappa-opioid receptor activation by U50,488H.*

3:10pm-3:25pm

Lei Mi-Mi

*Leiomodin-2: Regulator of cardiac thin filament length and contractile force.*

3:25pm-3:40pm

Yasser Aboelkassem

*Tropomyosin Torsional Stiffness Effects on Cooperative Activation of Cardiac Thin Filament using Stochastic Computational Modeling.*

3:40pm-3:55pm

Tongbin Wu

*HSPB7 is indispensable for heart development by modulating actin filament assembly.***15 minutes break***Please remember to take down your posters!*



**PODIUM SESSION 4**

MET CONFERENCE ROOM 145

*Session Chairs: Lauren Elisa Schultz and Alice Zemljic-Harpf*

- 4:10pm-4:25pm     Brett Colson  
*N-terminal extension in cardiac myosin binding protein-C regulates myofilament binding.*
- 4:25pm-4:40pm     Alina Bilal  
*Novel AAV9 Constructs Using SLN and PLN Promoters Act as Specialized Tools for Cardiac Chamber-specific Transduction.*
- 4:40pm-4:55pm     Irene Tobias  
*AMPK activation in human skeletal muscle is fiber type-specific following acute high intensity interval exercise.*
- 4:55pm-5:10pm     *Biotech industry highlight:*  
Amanda Rickard - Genea Biocells  
*GBC0905: A Novel Targeted Therapeutic Agent to Treat Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD).*

**AMC Award Session and Ceremony**

MET CONFERENCE ROOM 145

- 5:10pm-5:25pm     **JEAN HANSON AWARD FOR DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE AWARD**  
SUPPORTED BY *STEMONIX*
- Alexander Alvarez  
*Acoustoelectric Imaging for High Resolution Mapping of the Cardiac Activation Wave in Swine.*
- 5:25pm-5:35pm     **YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS & POSTER AWARDS**  
SUPPORTED BY *PROF. GLEMBOTSKI, SDSU HEART INSTITUTE*

**RECEPTION / NETWORKING / SOCIAL EVENT**

THE LOFT @ UCSD

starting at 5:45pm     **Reception***Please remember to take your posters and personal items from the room!*

Scientific Podium Sessions



## SCIENTIFIC POSTER SESSION

Posters should be mounted on the poster boards in the MET courtyard before 10am. There will be a formal poster session after lunch, from **12:30pm-2pm**, although AMC attendees are welcome to browse and discuss posters whenever they wish. Posters must be taken down before 5pm. *Please note that we cannot save any posters that remain hung up after that time.*

### POSTER AWARDS



HEART INSTITUTE

An independent jury of senior scientists selects the four best poster presentations during our poster session for the “AMC Poster Award”. The winners will be announced at the end of the Scientific Sessions at 5:30pm.

We gratefully acknowledge *Prof. Glembotski from the SDSU Heart Institute* for sponsoring the poster and young investigator awards this year.

*Presenters of **odd numbered posters** should be at their poster. . . . . 12:30pm-1:15pm*

*Presenters of **even numbered posters** should be at their poster . . . . . 1:15pm-2pm*

### **SECTION 1 - MUSCLE/CARDIAC VASCULATURE, CARDIAC FIBROBLASTS, SMOOTH MUSCLE**

#### **POSTER NO.      NAME / TITLE**

1.                    Jaimie Mayner  
*Understanding How Non-coding Loci Drive Cell Heterogeneity in iPSC-Derived Smooth Muscle Cells*
  
2.                    Hilda Carolina Delgado De la Herrán  
*Formation of Multinucleated Variant Endothelial Cells (MVEC) in Coronary Artery Endothelium cultured under Hyperinsulinemia and Hyperglycemia.*

### **SECTION 2 - MUSCLE STRUCTURE, FUNCTION & SIGNALING**

3.                    Alejandra Garate  
*Induction of Muscle Atrophy and Loss of Muscle Function by Gulf-War Illness Associated Chemicals: Underlying Mechanisms*
  
4.                    Alicia Romero  
*Investigating how muscle wasting negatively impacts the outcome of Salmonella infection*
  
5.                    Pamela Duran  
*Mechanical Impact of Parturition-related Strains on Skeletal Sphincteric Muscles.*

6. Rhye-Samuel Kanassatega  
*Human Cardiac Myosin-Binding Protein-C N-terminal Domains Cooperatively Impact Actin Structural Dynamics*
7. Jim Nguyen  
*Ablation of MARPs does not attenuate Gaq-induced cardiomyopathy.*
8. Yaeren Hernandez  
*Titin's role in Skeletal Muscle Function; Sarcogenesis and Passive Tension*
9. Jin Zhang  
*Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Recapitulate Disease Variability and as a Novel Platform to Test Therapeutics in Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy*
10. Leyna Zhao  
*Pharmacological Evaluation of Disease Relevant iPSC-derived Cardiomyocyte Models*
11. Leyna Zhao  
*Functional Maturation of Human iPSC-derived Cardiomyocytes and Assessment of Inotropic Compounds*
12. Yan Liang  
*A New Interaction Between Desmoplakin and the COP9 Signalosome Subunit 6 Reveals A New Mechanism Underlying Sudden Death*
13. Natalie Gilmore  
*Acute inhibition of the S-nitrosoglutathione reductase (GSNOR) in isolated fast-twitch muscle delays the contractile recovery post-fatigue.*
14. Leonardo Nogueira  
*Overexpression of Perm1 in skeletal muscles recovers the denervation-induced decrease in mitochondrial proteins but did not alter the changes in muscle contractility.*
15. Katja Birker  
*A novel role for MICOS complex CHCHD6 in establishing cardiac structure and function, with possible implications for hypoplastic left heart syndrome*
16. Andy Fedoriouk  
*Regulation of Selenoproteins by Activating Transcription Factor 6 during Cardiac Oxidative Stress*
17. Lauren Schultz  
*Examining how a Mutation in Leiomodin3 Leads to the Development of Nemaline Myopathy*

18. Tania Maria Larrinaga  
*In vivo mutant screen as a tool for deciphering the physiological function of leiomodln2 domains.*
19. Mert Colpan.  
*Regulation of Actin Dynamics at Thin Filament Pointed Ends in the Heart.*
20. Jonathan Okerblom  
*Human-like Cmah loss aggravates inflammation- and age-mediated cardiac dysfunction in mice.*
21. Moises M Bustamante Pozo  
*Unmasking of Estrogen Dependent Left Ventricular Dysfunction in Aged Female Rats: A Potential Model of Early Stage HFpEF*
22. Stephan Lange  
*Loss of obscurin/Obsl1 results in diastolic heart-failure.*

### **SECTION 3 - MUSCLE REGENERATION**

23. Mafalda Loreti  
*The extracellular matrix protein Tenascin-C promotes muscle stem cell expansion and regenerative potential*
24. Michael Hicks  
*ERBB3 and NGFR mark distinct skeletal muscle progenitor cells in human development enabling hPSC muscle maturation.*
25. Alex Andre  
*Crosstalk between Skeletal Muscle and Innate Immune Cells in Response to Injury.*
26. Alissa Lynch  
*Integration of Inflammation and Myogenesis during Skeletal Muscle Repair: The Role of the Transcription Factor Mohawk.*
27. Use Etxaniz  
*Denervation-activated STAT3–IL-6 signaling in fibro-adipogenic progenitors promotes myofibers atrophy and fibrosis.*
28. Megan Monsanto  
*CardioClusters: Enhancing Stem Cell Engraftment and Myocardial Repair*
29. Oscar Echeagaray  
*In situ transcriptome characteristics are lost following culture adaptation of adult cardiac stem cells*

**SECTION 4 - MUSCLE DEVELOPMENT**

30. Michael Stec  
*The Fbxw7-PGC-1 $\alpha$ -Irisin axis in myofibers regulates postnatal muscle development.*
31. Joanna Palade  
*Molecular analysis of muscle progenitor cells on extracellular matrix coatings and hydrogels.*
32. Lizhu Lin  
*Loss of ETS1 causes congenital heart defects through an autonomous defect in neural crest cell specification and migration*

**SECTION 5 - LATE BREAKING POSTERS**

33. to be added