

2017 KDA Conference Final Agenda

Tuesday, November 7	
6 PM	For those who signed up for dinner, gather in hotel lobby.
6:15 PM	Optional dinner at a la Lucia

Wednesday, November 8	
7:30-8:15	Registration/Sign-in
8:15-8:30	Welcome from KDA President Andrew Cassar
8:30-9:15	Introductions Around the Room Members and Guests
9:15-10:00	Genetics and Family Planning Alice Schindler, MS, CGC Genetic Counselor/Research Coordinator, <i>NIH</i> , <i>With Heather Montie, PhD</i> Assistant Professor, <i>Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine</i>
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-11:45	Using Exercise and Other Physical Therapy Interventions to Optimize Functional Mobility Joseph A Shrader, PT, C. Ped, Senior Clinical and Research Physical Therapist, <i>with</i> Vincent Shieh, BA, Post-Baccalaureate IRTA Fellow <i>Clinical Research Center, NIH</i>
11:45-12:15	Maximizing Functional Independence: Modifying Tasks and Using Adaptive Equipment/Mobility Aids Kathy Farrell, MS, OTR/L, Clinical and Research Occupational Therapist <i>NIH</i>
12:15-1:45	Lunch
1:45-2:05	Quality of Life in Kennedy's Disease Robert Guber, M.D. Candidate, Special Volunteer <i>NIH/NINDS</i>
2:05-2:50	Update on Nutrition in Kennedy's Disease Angela Kokkinis, RN, BSN Clinical Research Nurse, <i>NIH Neurogenetics Branch</i>
2:50-3:20	Break
3:20-4:50	Men's, Women's, Carriers' Breakout Sessions

Thursday, November 9	
8:15-8:30	Conference Updates and Directions for the Day
8:30-10:00	KD-101 and How a Drug Gets Approved Ed Meyertholen, PhD Assistant Dean, <i>Georgetown University</i>
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-10:50	Silencing of Mutant AR Co-activators as a Therapeutic Approach Manuela Basso, Assistant Professor <i>University of Trento, Centre for Integrative Biology</i>
10:50-11:05	Study to Identify Genetic Modifiers a/w SBMA Disease Progression Maher Budron, B.S., IRTA Fellow <i>NIH/NINDS</i>
11:05-12:15	Speech and Swallowing from Soup to Nuts Dr. Neil Porter Assistant Professor of Neurology, <i>University of Maryland</i>
12:15-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:20	Respiratory Issues in Kennedy's Disease Noah Lechtzin, M.D., M.H.S. <i>Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</i>
2:20-2:50	Gene Targeting Strategies in SBMA: CRISPR and Antisense Oligonucleotides Christopher Grunseich, M.D. <i>Staff Clinician, NINDS/NIH</i>
2:50-3:10	Discussion of CRISPR and Gene Targeting Strategies Chris Grunseich et al
3:10-3:40	Break
3:40-3:55	PolyQ Length-specific Engineering of a hiPSC Model of SBMA Xia Feng, Postdoctoral Fellow <i>NIH/NINDS</i>
3:55-4:05	The iPSC/CRISPR Platform at the Montreal Neurological Institute Lenore Beitel, PhD, Program Manager <i>Montreal Neurological Institute-McGill University</i>
4:05-4:35	Metabolic Alterations in SBMA Andrew Lieberman, M.D., PhD Professor of Pathology, <i>University of Michigan Medical School</i>
4:35-6:00	Set-up for Silent Auction and Dinner
6:00-7:00	Early Reception – Cocktails and beverages; Silent Auction
7:00-8:00	Dinner (Included with conference registration)
8:00-8:15	Success of the 2017 KDA Golf Scramble Guest Speaker - Charley Goforth
8:15-10:00	Live Auction and Silent Auction Completion; mingling with new and old friends. Auctioneer: Jameson Parker

Friday, November 10	
8:15-8:30	Conference Updates and Directions for the Day
8:30-9:00	Research Updates from the Merry Lab Diane E. Merry, PhD, Professor <i>Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Thomas Jefferson University</i>
9:00-9:15	Role of USP7 in SBMA Dr. Anna Pluciennik, PhD <i>Research Instructor, Thomas Jefferson University</i>
9:15-9:30	The Role of Deficient AR Nuclear Export in SBMA Pathogenesis Frederick (Eric) Arnold, PhD Student <i>Merry Lab, Thomas Jefferson University</i>
9:30-9:45	Research Updates Andrew Lieberman, M.D., PhD Professor of Pathology, <i>University of Michigan Medical School</i>
9:45-10:00	Motor Neuron Diseases Using Worms as a Model System Laura Bott, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow <i>Molecular Biosciences, Northwestern University</i>
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-11:05	Human Stem Cell Modeling of Kennedy's Disease Helen Miranda, PhD <i>UCSD</i>
11:05-11:25	SBMA iPSC Muscle Model and La Spada Lab Updates Anastasia Gromova, PhD Student <i>La Spada Lab, UCSD</i>
11:25-11:40	Non-coding RNAs in SBMA Naemeh Pourshafie, PhD Student <i>NIH/NINDS</i>
11:40-11:55	Links Between Kennedy's Disease and Autophagy Ryan Prestil, PhD Student <i>NIH/NINDS</i>
11:55-12:20	Developing a Treatment for Kennedy's Disease Dr. Kenneth Fischbeck Distinguished Investigator, <i>NIH/NINDS</i>
12:20-12:30	Wrap-up