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## SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2025

**0900-1100: PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION: Oligonucleotide Therapeutics Education Workshop**

Co-chairs: Alex Garanto, Ph.D., Radboud Univ. Medical Center *and* Audrius Kilikevicius, Ph.D., Eli Lilly & Co.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Peter Beal, Ph.D., **UC Davis**
- Camilla Foged, Ph.D., **University of Copenhagen**

**1100-1300** *Hosted Lunch (for all participants) &*

*Mentorship Program Lunch (by invitation only)*

**1300-1440: PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION: Next-Gen Early Career Scientist Session**

Co-chairs: Sarah Allen, Ph.D. Candidate, UMass Chan Medical School *and* Emilio Harris-Mostert, Ph.D. Candidate, Erasmus MC

**1440-1530** *Refreshment Break*

**1530-1645: OPENING SESSION AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Chair: Richard Geary, Ph.D., Ionis Pharmaceuticals & President, OTS

**Keynote Speaker:** Adrian R. Krainer, Ph.D., **St. Giles Foundation Professor, Cancer Center Program Co-Leader**

**1645-1815: CAREER EVENT: Nucleic Acid Therapeutics**

Co-Chairs: Eva-Maria Manz, Ph.D., ETH Zürich *and* Jathavan Asohan, Ph.D. Candidate, McGill University

Explore diverse career paths in academia and industry with experts in R&D, regulatory affairs, clinical trials, and process development. Engage in a panel discussion, small-group networking, and connect with potential employers via a job board and networking opportunities.

*Open to Students and Post-Docs only – confirm your participation in your registration to the Annual Meeting.*

**1645-1930** *Welcome Reception with Exhibitors (no Poster Hosting)*

**2000-2200** *Early Career Scientist Social Meet Up  
(RSVP in the registration form – for students only)*

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## **MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2025**

**0830-1030: SESSION I: Chemistry, Mechanism and Delivery (I)**

Co-chairs: Steven F. Dowdy, Ph.D., UCSD School of Medicine *and* Ian Huggins, Ph.D., Ionis Pharmaceuticals

Confirmed Speakers:

- Thomas Carell, Ph.D., [Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität \(LMU\) München](#)
- Anders Wittrup, Ph.D., [Lund University](#)
- Philip Samayoa, Ph.D., [Generation Bio](#)

**1030-1100 Refreshment break**

**1100-1300 SESSION II: Pre-clinical (early stage)**

Co-chairs: Martin A. Maier, Ph.D., Alnylam Pharmaceuticals *and* Reka Haraszti, Ph.D., Universitätsklinikum Tübingen

Confirmed Speakers:

- Shashwat Tripathi, Ph.D., [Northwestern University - Feinberg School of Medicine](#)
- Olga Anczukow, Ph.D., [The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine](#)

**1300-1400 Hosted Lunch (for all participants)**

**1400-1630: SESSION III: Pre-clinical (late stage)**

Co-chairs: Shalini Andersson, Ph.D., AstraZeneca *and* Virginia Arechavala-Gomez, Ph.D., Biocruces Bizkaia Health Research Institute

Confirmed Speakers:

- Don Cleveland, Ph.D., [UC San Diego](#)
- Aimee Jackson, Ph.D., [Atalanta Therapeutics](#)
- Adam Mullick, Ph.D., [IONIS](#)

**1630-1700 POSTER-FIRE SESSION I**

Chair: Shuling Guo, Ph.D., Ionis Pharmaceuticals

**1700-1930 Poster Session – Reception I (Odd Numbered Posters Hosted)**

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## TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2025

**0830-1030: SESSION IV: Chemistry, Mechanism and Delivery (II)**

Co-chairs Anastasia Khvorova, Ph.D., UMASS Chan Medical School/RTI and Garth Kinberger, Ph.D., Atalanta Therapeutics

Confirmed Speaker:

- Ian J. MacRae, Ph.D., [The Scripps Research Institute](#)

**1030-1100 Refreshment break**

**1100 – 1300: SESSION V: Awards Session I**

Co-Chairs: Richard Geary, Ph.D., Ionis Pharmaceuticals & President, OTS

Lifetime Achievement Award and Presentation:

Dr. Brett Monia, Ph.D., [Ionis Pharmaceuticals](#)

**1300-1500 Hosted Lunch (for all participants)**

**1315-1435: SESSION VI (Lunch Session): Advancing Oligonucleotide Manufacturing Towards a New Era of Therapeutics**

Chair: David Butler, Ph.D., Hongene Biotech

Confirmed Speakers:

- Stefan Lutz, Ph.D., [Codexis](#)
- Lubomir Nechev, Ph.D., [Alnylam](#)

**1500 – 1635: SESSION VII: DNA/RNA Editing**

Co-Chairs: Keith Gagnon, Ph.D., Wake Forest University and Blythe Sather, Ph.D., Tune Therapeutics

Confirmed Speaker:

- Aravind AsoKan, Ph.D., [Duke University](#)

**1635-1700: POSTER-FIRE SESSION II**

Chair: Bruno Godinho, Ph.D., Atalanta Therapeutics

**1700-1930 Poster Session – Reception II (Even Numbered Posters Hosted)**

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## **WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2025**

**0830-1030: SESSION VIII: Rare Diseases**

Co-chairs: Richard Geary, Ph.D., Ionis Pharmaceuticals & President, OTS *and* Annemieke Aartsma-Rus, Ph.D., Leiden University

Confirmed Speakers:

- Michelle Hastings, Ph.D., **University of Michigan Medical School**
- Alan Brown, MD, **Advocate Aurora Health**

**1030-1100 Refreshment break**

**1100-1315: SESSION IX: Awards Session II**

Chair: Richard Geary, Ph.D., Ionis Pharmaceuticals & President, OTS

Awards Announcements  
Mid-Career Award  
Young Investigator Award  
Gewirtz Awards

**1315-1430 Hosted Lunch (for all participants)**

**1430-1635 SESSION X: Clinical**

Co-chairs: Arthur Krieg, MD, Zola Therapeutics *and* Marie Wikström Lindholm, Ph.D., Silence Therapeutics

1635-1700 Closing remarks

1900-2300 **Annual Meeting Wrap Party** (*Pre-registration and additional fee required*):

Location:

**Buda Castle Garden Bazar**

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