Program Agenda

Day-1: Healthy Aging and Longevity

8:30 - 9:00 Breakfast

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Session-1	Chair: Amir Zarrinpar, MD, CCB Co-Interim Director, UC San Diego
9:00- 9:15	Welcome remarks
9:05-9:15	Opening message
	John Carethers, MD, PhD, Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, UC San Diego
9:15- 9:45	Victoria Acosta-Rodriguez, PhD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
	Leveraging circadian physiology to promote healthier lifespan
9:45-10:15	Amandine Chaix, PhD, University of Utah
	Time to live healthier and longer: The tale of mice on Time-Restricted Feeding
Coffee break	10:15-10:30
Session-2	Chair: Laura Van Rosmalen, PhD, Salk Institute of Biological Studies
10:30-11:00	Louise Ince, PhD, The University of Texas at Austin
	A tale of two timescales: impact of age and diurnal rhythms on neuroimmune signaling
11:00-11:30	Amita Sehgal, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine
	Trimming brain fat with sleep
11:30-12:00	Bruno Conti, PhD, San Diego Biomedical Research Institute
	Temperature and aging
Lunch break	12:00-1:00
Session-3	Chair: Benjamin Smarr, PhD, UC San Diego
1:00-1:30	Terry Sejnowski, PhD, Salk Institute for Biological Studies
	Time scales in brains
1:30-2:00	Benjamin Smarr, PhD, UC San Diego
	Shining light into muddy water: data science reveals new challenges in studying real world
	human circadia
2:00-2:30	Diego Golombek, PhD, University de San Andres, Argentina
	(De)synchronization in the lab and in the real world: letting the data talk
Coffee break	2:30-2:45
Session-4	Chair: Shaunak Deota, PhD, Salk Institute of Biological Studies
2:45-3:15	Anthony Molina, PhD, UC San Diego, Medicine and Nathan Shock Center Salk Mitochondrial
	bioenergetics and healthy aging
3:15-3:45	Madeline Scott, PhD, McClung lab, University of Pittsburgh
	Cell type specific transcript expression rhythms in the aging dorsolateral prefrontal cortex
3:45-4:15	Joe Takahashi, PhD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
	Circadian clock regulation of longevity
4:30-5:30	Poster session and Happy hour

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Day-2: Circadian Disruption and Pathological Aging and Disease

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Session-1	Chair: Stu Brody, PhD, Professor Emeritus, UC San Diego
9:00-9:30	Roman Kondratov, PhD, Cleveland State University
	Circadian gating of hepatic fatty acid metabolism
9:30-10:00	Vikki Marie Weake, PhD, Purdue University
	Age-dependent histone methylation loss reshapes the rhythmic retina transcriptome
10:00-10:30	Erin Gibson, PhD, Stanford Medicine
	Temporal dynamics of oligodendroglial lineage cells in health and disease
Coffee break	10:30-10:45
Session-2	Chari: Daniel Whittaker, PhD, UC San Diego
10:45-11:15	William Joiner, PhD, UC San Diego, School of Medicine
	A conserved pathway links sleep regulation to memory formation in an invertebrate model of
	Alzheimer's disease
11:15-11:45	William Todd, PhD, University of Wyoming
	A potential circuit for sundowning-related circadian disturbances in Alzheimer's disease model
	mice
11:45-12:15	Paula Desplats PhD, UC San Diego, School of Medicine
	Aging and the circadian clock: Unlocking the pathway to Neurodegeneration
Lunch break	12:15-1:30
12:15-1:30	Lunch with a Professor (trainees)
Session-3	Chair: Geraldine Maier, PhD, Salk Institute for Biological Studies
1:30-1:45	Renny Ng, PhD Student, Su lab, UC San Diego (abstract awardee from Fall Workshop)
	Effects of day/light cycles on olfactory acuity and behavior
	Yotam Voskoboynik, PhD student, Sahoo lab, UC San Diego (Abstract Awardee)
	The ticking CLOCK, an aging study of a colonial chordate linking stem cell aging to molecular
	decline of circadian regulation
2:00-2:15	Rockelle Jang, PhD Student, Poe lab, UCLA, School of Medicine
	The order and chaos of regional sleep in the human brain: implications for health and disease
2:15-2:45	Sharon Naismith, PhD, The University of Sydney
	Sleep wake disturbance in Mild Cognitive Impairment: discovery and translation within the
	memory clinic
Coffee break	
Session-4	Chair: Paula Desplats, PhD, CCB Co-Interim Director, UC San Diego
3:00-3:30	Ellen E. Lee, MD, PhD, UC San Diego, School of Medicine
	Impact of rest-activity disturbances on cognitive, mental, and physical health among healthy and
	patient populations
3:30-4:00	Bryce Mander, PhD, UC Irvine, School of Medicine
	A role for hypoxemia during REM sleep in Alzheimer's disease risk and memory impairment
4:00-4:10	Closing remarks. Announcements for 2026 Symposium
4:15 Happy F	
	t & Award Ceremony for best posters
6:30-7:00	Special Lecture
	Vera Gorbunova, PhD, University of Rochester

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