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**THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE PROTEIN SOCIETY**

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*Barcelona, Spain* – The Protein Society, a global, multi-disciplinary scholarly society with the mission of providing platforms for communication and collaboration for scientists engaged in the study of proteins, announces the details of The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, to be held **July 22-25, 2015** at the Fira de Barcelona - Montjuïc, in Barcelona, Spain. The annual Protein Society Symposium acts as a nexus for leading protein researchers from around the world and serves as a high-profile, international platform for the presentation of trans-disciplinary, forefront discoveries in protein science. This is the first time in its nearly 30-year history that The Protein Society's annual meeting will be held outside of the U.S., inaugurating a new schedule that will see the meeting alternate each year between a North American location and an international one.

**The Organizers** - With diverse expertise and a breadth of experience that spans the full spectrum of disciplines, methodologies, technologies, and fields involved in the study of protein structure, function, and design, the all-volunteer Program Planning Committee members are:

**James Wells, Ph.D. (Chair)**

Professor & Chair, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
University Of California, San Francisco

**Oscar Millet, Ph.D.**

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North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Sarah Teichmann, Ph.D.**

Research Group Leader  
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& Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute

**Mark A Lemmon, Ph.D.**

Professor & Chair, Dept. of Biochemistry & Biophysics  
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

**The Program** - With 13 scientific sessions spanning 3.5 days, the meeting consists of 2 concurrent morning and 2 concurrent afternoon research sessions. It will begin with a welcome from Society President James Bowie (Professor and Vice Chair, Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of California - Los Angeles), followed by an Opening Plenary Talk from a 2015 Protein Society Award winner. The program will include talks by 2 2015 *Protein Science* 'Best Paper' winners –first authors selected from articles published in the Protein Society's journal in the preceding year. The program will benefit from speakers representing the Latin American Protein Society and the Lorne Conference on Protein Structure and Function, and includes the following with research sessions:

**Engineering & Interpreting The Genome****Observing Dynamics In Single Cells****Folding****Protein Allostery & Dynamics****Protein Engineering****Integrative Protein Science****Proteomics (PTMs, PPIs)****Chemical Biology****Cell Engineering****Intrinsically Disordered Proteins****Systems Biology****Enzyme & Pathway Engineering****The Plenary Awards Session**

**Students & Young Investigators** - A hallmark of The Protein Society Symposium is the special emphasis placed upon fostering the growth and development of young scientists. Through unique and plentiful opportunities for mentorship and interaction with established researchers, career guidance via educational workshops led by experienced educators and industry representatives, as well as numerous prospects for recognition of their work and participation. Two Young Investigator speaking slots are reserved in each session for postdoctoral scientists in the early stages of an independent career, selected from submitted abstracts. A competitive and robust Graduate Student Poster Competition with 10 Best Poster Prizes allows graduate students to gain experience defending their research and provides invaluable opportunities to network. The Education Committee presents an Undergraduate Research Session where winning students can learn valuable skills by giving talks to a receptive and supportive audience. Workshops led by experts and organized by the Mentoring Committee focus upon building core scientific competencies such as effective speaking and scientific writing as well as offering real-world insights that support informed professional advancement. A highlight for all participants are the Networking Dinners, where students and postdocs can share an informal, low-cost meal with invited speakers or Society leaders in a casual, unmoderated setting. Graduate Student and Early-Career registration rates are significantly discounted, and *undergraduate member registration is free*.

**Travel Assistance** – Sizeable and plentiful travel awards will be available through 3 sources: The **Finn Wold Travel Awards & The Protein Science Young Investigator Travel Grants** (sponsored by Wiley) will provide awards ranging from \$500 - \$1,500 to assist students and postdocs with traveling expenses. In their first year, the new **Hans Neurath Outstanding Promise Travel Awards** (sponsored by the Hans Neurath Foundation) will award **20** outstanding young researchers a **\$500** cash prize, up to **\$1,500** in reimbursed travel costs, an invitation to publish their research in *Protein Science* gratis, and recognition during the Plenary Awards Session. All travel awardees receive a complimentary 2015 membership with full benefits.

**The Plenary Awards Session** - The final full day (July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015) of the Symposium will conclude with a Plenary Awards Session, where 2015 Protein Society award recipients will be honored and deliver talks on their award-winning research before the assembled delegates. The session will also feature the Protein Society service awards, the announcement of the Poster Competition winners, and recognition of the 2015 Hans Neurath Outstanding Promise Award winners and the 2015 *Protein Science* Best Paper winners.

### **The Stein and Moore Award**

#### **The Carl Brändén Award**

*sponsored by Rigaku Corporation*

#### **The Hans Neurath Award**

*sponsored by The Hans Neurath Foundation*

#### **The Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin Award**

*sponsored by Genentech*

#### **The Protein Science Young Investigator Award**

#### **The Emil Thomas Kaiser Award**

#### **The Christian B. Anfinsen Award**

*\*2015 winners will be announced in February 2015*

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*Delegates, exhibitors, sponsors and the press can learn more about the 29th Annual Symposium at The Protein Society web site [www.proteinsociety.org/symposium](http://www.proteinsociety.org/symposium) or by calling (443) 543-5451.*

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The Protein Society is the leading international Society devoted to furthering research and development in protein science. Founded in 1986, the mission of the Society is to provide international forums to facilitate communication, cooperation and collaboration with regard to all aspects of the study of proteins. In support of these goals, the Society publishes *Protein Science*, the premier journal in the field, hosts an annual international symposium, and facilitates the education of early-career protein scientists across all lines of discipline. The Protein Society members represent a wide spectrum of academic, industry, governmental, and non-profit institutions from more than 50 countries around the world. Media inquiries can be directed to Jody McGinness, Executive Director, at (443) 543-5452

