CTR ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Placental-endometrial dialogue and pregnancy

12th 13th July





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Day 1: Monday 12 th July		
13.50	Welcome and introduction by Wolf Reik, Babraham Institute	
Session 1: Early placental development Chair: Steve Charnock-Jones, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology		
14.00-14.30	Margherita Turco, Department of Pathology Models to study early placental development	
14.30-15.00	Miguel Branco, Blizard Institute Species-specific regulation of placental gene expression by transposable elements	
15.00-15.30	Janet Rossant, University of Toronto Making the trophectoderm lineage- key events leading up to implantation	
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	

Session 2: Immunology and evolution Chair: Francesco Colucci, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

16.00-16.30	Ashley Moffett, Department of Pathology The immune system and the first few weeks
16.30-17.00	Anthony Carter, University of Southern Denmark Anatomy of placentation: why are humans so different
17.00-17.30	Paul Norman, University of Colorado Denver Population-specific NK cell receptors and human-specific preeclampsia risk

Day 2: Tuesday 13th July_____

Session 3: Endometrium and decidua

Chair: Kathy Niakan, CTR

11.00-11.30	Coffee break
10.30-11.00	Roser Vento, Wellcome Sanger Institute Single cell technology at the placental-uterine interface
10.00-10.30	Hilary Critchley, University of Edinburgh The normal cycling endometrium

Session 4: Placental development and pregnancy outcomes Chair: Miguel Constancia, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

11.30-12.00	Romina Plitman, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel Imaging and Modelling the Human Placenta
12.00-12.30	Gordon Smith, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Identifying novel biomarkers for human placental dysfunction
12.30-13.00	Eric Jauniaux, UCL Oxygen modulates placental development like sound modulates fetal brain development
13.00-14.00	Lunch break

Session 5: Environment and placenta Chair: Tereza Cindrova-Davies, CTR

15.30-16.00	Coffee break
15.00-15.30	Mike Nelson, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis Trophoblast Injury and Repair, or Disrepair, in Human Placenta
14.30-15.00	Erica Watson, CTR Trans-generational effect
14.00-14.30	Billy Yung, CTR Placental unfolded protein response and pregnancy complications

Session 6: Placental biology Chair: Theresa Powell, University of Colorado

16.00-16.30	Diana Bianchi, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Circulating nucleic acids as key markers of feto-maternal-placental health
	Myriam Hemberger, University of Calgary Early placental development in mice and humans
17.00-17.30	Kent Thornburg, The Moore Institute, Oregon Health Sciences University The placenta is the culprit

Session 7: Celebratory closing session Chair: Kathy Niakan

17.30-18.00Graham Burton, CTRTrophoblast-endometrial interactions

18.00 Closing remarks by Charlie Loke







Since its inception in 2007, the Centre for Trophoblast Research has been at the forefront of placental and pregnancy research. With over 30 principal investigators, Next Generation Fellows and independent research fellows, the Centre has achieved numerous milestones and scientific breakthroughs during its history. This conference celebrates the extraordinary achievements of the Centre and of retiring director Prof. Graham Burton.