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Welcome Letter

Dear colleagues,

It's our great pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd Conference on Biomotors, Virus Assembly, and RNA Nanobiotechnology (<https://u.osu.edu/rnanano/>). The first two conferences held in 2017 and 2019 each attracted more than 80 distinguished invited speakers, with more than 200 participants from many different countries. They were great successes in bringing together leading scientists working in the diverse fields of chemistry, biochemistry, biophysics, structural biology, microbiology, cell biology, materials, single pore technology, RNA nanotechnology, pharmacology, cancer biology and nanotechnology to drive this fascinating inter-disciplinary scientific endeavor.

As a continuation of the first two conferences, we are excited to bring together more than 60 distinguished speakers from over 15 countries again for this third conference. While the COVID-19 pandemic has created unusual circumstances for the conference, moving to a virtual platform has allowed us the unique opportunity to bring together a vast international community for this conference. Our hope is to facilitate the translation of knowledge from fundamental studies on biomotors, viral structure, viral assembly, DNA/RNA structure and chemistry into practical nanotechnology applications. We believe this conference will foster communication between researchers from many different backgrounds, so please take the opportunity to interact with the leading scientists in the field and establish collaborations to promote this field into new and exciting directions.

Each day the conference will be hosted by Zoom, using (<https://uncc.zoom.us/j/91389114083>). We ask that you ask all questions using the chat function of Zoom and they will be addressed at the end of each presentation either verbally or through Zoom chat by each speaker. We also ask that you respect the confidentiality of this meeting and refrain from recording or taking pictures of any presentation, as all material presented during this conference is privileged to its attendees and intended to only be shared during the conference.

We sincerely hope that you will find the presentation insightful. If you feel there is anything we can do to make the conference more interesting or enjoyable, please feel free to contact the conference organization staff. Thank you for taking the time to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

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Peixuan Guo, The Ohio State University, USA

Conference Co-chair:

Kirill Afonin, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, USA

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

Viral Nanomachines and Vaccines

9:00-9:30 am EST		2:00-2:30 pm GMT	10:00-10:30 pm Beijing
09:00 am – 09:20 am	<i>Opening Remarks: The dialectic relationship between fundamental and application studies of biomotor, viral assembly, and RNA nanotechnology</i> Peixuan Guo ; Sylvan G. Franks Endowed Chair, College of Pharmacy, OSU, USA		
9:20 am – 9:30 am	<i>Meeting Logistics</i> Daniel Binzel ; The Ohio State University, USA		
SESSION 1: Biomotors, RNA, CoV-19 and Vaccines			
Session Chair: Yao-Gen Shu			
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10:50 am – 11:00 am	Break		
KEYNOTE TALK: Zihe Rao; Tsinghua University, China			
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<i>Living in the cell: understanding SARS-CoV-2 replication and transcription from structures</i>		
SESSION 2: Viral Assembly and Anti-virus Drug & Vaccine Design			
Session Chair: Zihe Rao			
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12:30 pm – 12:50 pm	Jian Zhu; The Ohio State University, USA <i>SARS-CoV-2 Nsp14 activates NF-κB signaling and induces IL-8 upregulation</i>	
12:50 pm – 1:00 pm	Break	
SESSION 3: SARS-CoV-2 Frameshifting: RNA Mechanism and Anti-viral Drug Targeting		
Session Chair: Liqun (Andrew) Gu		
1:00-2:20 pm EST	5:00-7:20 pm GMT	2:00-3:20 am Beijing
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Christopher Jones; National Institutes of Health, USA <i>SARS-CoV-2 frameshifting pseudoknot structure reveals multiple sites for small molecules</i>	
1:20 pm – 1:40 pm	Satheesh Ellipilli; The Ohio State University, USA <i>Proof of concept for the development of rapid and simple at-home diagnosis for early detection of mutant COVID-19 infection</i>	
1:40 pm – 2:00 pm	Jonathan Dinman; University of Maryland, USA <i>Programmed ribosomal frameshifting: a potential broad range target for antiviral therapeutics</i>	
2:00 pm – 2:20 pm	Junjie Guo; Yale University, USA <i>Targeting programmed -1 ribosomal frameshifting in SARS-CoV-2</i>	

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

RNA Biology, Nanotechnology, & Therapeutics

SESSION 5: RNA Nanotechnology, & Therapeutics		
Session Chair: Peixuan Guo		
9:00-10:20 am EST	2:00-4:20 pm GMT	10:00-11:20 pm Beijing
9:00 am – 9:20 am	Hiro Saito; Kyoto University, Japan <i>Synthetic RNA switch technologies: Possible applications as mRNA drugs</i>	
9:20 am – 9:40 am	Jong Bum Lee; University of Seoul, Korea <i>Engineered RNA-based Platform for Diagnosis of Coronavirus by RNA-directed RNA Transcription</i>	
9:40 am – 10:00 am	Peixuan Guo; The Ohio State University, USA <i>Ushering in the spring of RNA therapy as the third milestone in pharmaceutical drug development</i>	
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Jørgen Kjems; Aarhus University, Denmark <i>Aptamers at work – effective neutralization of SARS-CoV-2 and identifying protein biomarkers in biofluids using highly parallelized RNA aptamer screens</i>	
10:20 am – 10:30 am	Break	
KEYNOTE TALK: Kirill Afonin; University of North Carolina Charlotte, USA <i>Nucleic Acid Nanoparticles (NANPs) as Molecular Tools to Direct Desirable and Avoid Undesirable Immunological Effects</i>		
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SESSION 6: RNA Computational Biology and Therapeutic Applications

Session Chair: Shi-Jie Chen

11:00 am-12:40 pm EST

4:00-5:20 pm GMT

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11:40 am – 12:00 pm	Janusz Bujnicki; International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, Poland <i>Computational modeling of RNA structure and interactions - towards therapeutic applications</i>
12:00 pm – 12:20 pm	David Mathews; University of Rochester Medical Center, USA <i>Using conservation to determine RNA secondary structure</i>
12:20 pm – 12:40 pm	Petr Sulc; Arizona State University, USA <i>Strand displacement in RNA and DNA:RNA hybrids</i>

12:40 pm – 12:50 pm

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SESSION 7: The Building Blocks of RNA Structure

Session Chair: David Lilley

12:50-2:10 pm EST

5:50-7:10 pm GMT

1:50-3:10 am Beijing

12:50 pm – 1:10 pm	Eric Westhof; Institut de Biologie Moleculaire et Cellulaire, France <i>Non-Watson-Crick Base Pairs, Modules and Tautomers in RNA</i>
1:10 pm – 1:30 pm	Zasha Weinberg; Leipzig University, Germany <i>Natural catalytic RNAs: strange structural variants in mysterious organisms</i>
1:30 pm – 1:50 pm	Robert Batey; Colorado University Boulder, USA <i>Structural and mechanistic studies of bacterial riboswitches</i>
1:50 pm – 2:10 pm	Jeffrey Kieft; Colorado University Anschutz, USA <i>Cryo-EM reveals conformational dynamics in a multifunctional viral RNA</i>

2:10 pm – 2:20 pm

Break

SESSION 8: RNA Therapeutics Delivery

Session Chair: Bruce Shapiro

2:20-4:00 pm EST

7:20-9:00 pm GMT

3:20-5:00 am Beijing

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm	Anu Puri; National Cancer Institute, USA <i>Stealth oxime ether lipid vesicles promote delivery of functional dsRNA in human lung cancer A549 tumor bearing mouse xenografts</i>
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Gaurav Sahay; Oregon State University, USA <i>Boosting intracellular mRNA delivery</i>

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Koen Breyne; Harvard Medical School, USA <i>Assembly of biomolecules into extracellular vesicles</i>
3:20 pm – 3:40 pm	Anastasia Khvorova; University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, USA <i>Chemical engineering of therapeutic siRNA</i>
3:40 pm – 4:00 pm	Aijun Wang; University of California Davis, USA <i>Engineering stem cell-derived extracellular vesicles as nanotherapeutics for targeted delivery and regenerative medicine</i>

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

Modeling Nanostructures for Health and Life

SESSION 9: Designing Biomachines		
Session Chair: Hiroyuki Noji		
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10:20 am – 10:30 am	Break	
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Session Chair: Hui Wei		
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11:30 am – 11:50 am	Arkady Karyakin; Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia <i>'Artificial Peroxidase': Nanozymes based on the most advantageous (electro)catalyst</i>	
11:50 am – 12:00 pm	Break	

SESSION 11: RNA Nanotechnology for Cancer Therapies		
Session Chair: Xiaoting Zhang		
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12:00 pm – 12:20 pm	Xing-Jie Liang; National Center for Nanoscience and Technology, China <i>Key parameters to support efficient delivery in vitro and in vivo</i>	
12:20 pm – 12:40 pm	David Lilley; University of Dundee, Scotland <i>N⁶-methyladenine and RNA structure</i>	
12:40 pm – 1:00 pm	Daniel Binzel; The Ohio State University, USA <i>Rational design for delivery and controlled release of siRNA from RNA nanoparticles via tumor targeting extracellular vesicles</i>	
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm	Bruce Shapiro; National Cancer Institute, USA <i>An efficient means for circularizing RNA nanoconstructs for enhanced sustainability</i>	
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3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Ivo Hofacker; University of Vienna, Austria <i>Prediction of RNA folding during transcription</i>	
3:20 pm – 3:40 pm	Giovanni Bussi; Scuola Intenazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati, Italy <i>RNA structural dynamics combining solution experiments and molecular simulations</i>	
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

Biomotors and Transporters

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Session Chair: Haichen Wu		
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Session Chair: Haichen Wu and Youdong Mao		
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Session Chair: Gino Cingolani		
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12:50 pm – 1:10 pm	Marc Morais; University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, USA <i>Lord of the Broken Rings, Part One: how ATPase ring motors drive genome packaging in dsDNA viruses</i>	
1:10 pm – 1:30 pm	Hong Zhou; UCLA, USA <i>Multiple states of genome packaging portal in the human cytomegalovirus</i>	
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Session Chair: Xiaolin Cheng		
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2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Wen Ma; University of California San Diego, USA <i>Molecular mechanism of a nucleic acid unwinding motor</i>	
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