

SOCIETY FOR ADVANCED CELL CULTURE MODELLING FOR AFRICA CONFERENCE 2022

9 - 12 October 2022 | North-West University | Potchefstroom | South Africa

| Program |

Sunday 9 October 2022

SACCMA Conference | Day ONE

| 11:30 – 13:00 | Delegate registration and coffee/tea and refreshments |
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| 13:00 – 13:20 | Official opening and Welcome: Prof Chrisna Gouws , SACCMA Organising Committee chair |
| 13:20 – 14:05 | Keynote speaker: Prof Stefan Przyborski , Durham University, UK Innovative advanced cell technologies to bioengineer Human tissues <i>in vitro</i> for use in R&D and modelling Human disease |
| 14:05 – 14:25 | Dr Alex Laux - Development of a three-dimensional melanoma spheroid model for anticancer screening of selected aloe materials |
| 14:25 – 15:00 | Poster presentation flash talks – 3 min each Cara de Moura - Cytotoxicity of EGTA, verapamil, CHC and doxorubicin in BT-20 triple-negative breast carcinoma spheroids Maryke de Villiers - Flow cytometry as an analytical method of drug-induced apoptosis in 3D bioprinted melanoma cells Connor Esterhuizen & Adele Nel - Comparative study of growth characteristics of A549 alveolar carcinoma spheroids grown in different culture conditions Jean-Pierre Laux - Development and evaluation of a three-dimensional spheroid-based nasal epithelial cancer model |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | Tea/coffee |
| 15:20 – 15:40 | Dr Paul Bartels – Wildlife cell propagation – an alternative meat source |
| 15:40 – 16:00 | Poster presentation flash talks – 3 min each Prof Vidushi Neergheen - Cytotoxic effects of the indigenous crop, <i>Moringa oleifera</i>, on 2D and 3D oesophageal cancer models Leslie Pedzisayi - Cell-to-cell communication between cancer cells can modify recipient behaviour Dr Wihan Pheiffer - Optimization of spheroid implantation for xenograft model improvement Dr Mduduzi Sithole - A 3D printed biomaterial scaffold reinforced with inorganic fillers for bone tissue engineering: <i>in vitro</i> assessment studies |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Closing for the day |
| 17:30 – 20:30 | Cocktail function and society launch – Lekwena Wildlife Estate |



Monday 10 October 2022

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| 08:30 - 09:00 | Tea/coffee |
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Keynote speaker: Prof Bojana Žegura , Head of Department of Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology, National Institute of Biology, Slovenia Spheroids: a 3D cell-based system for assessing the genotoxic activity of chemicals |
| 09:45 – 10:05 | Dr Helle Frandsen - Human based 3-dimensional non-alcoholic fatty liver model |
| 10:05 – 10:25 | Dr Yonela Ntamo - An in vitro comparison of C3A liver models for toxicity screening |
| 10:25 – 11:00 | Tea/coffee AND Poster Session 1 (even numbers) |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Plenary speaker: Prof Sias Hamman , North-West University, South Africa RPMI 2650 nasal epithelial cell model: effect of growth techniques on cell properties |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | Prof Lissinda du Plessis - Print parameter optimisation for three-dimensional bioprinting of hydrogel scaffolds |
| 11:50 – 12:10 | Bongiwe Sibiya - Analysis of the role of Hop/STIP1 in anchorage-independent growth of cancer cells |
| 12:10 – 12:25 | Industry presentations Separations |
| 12:25 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Plenary speaker: Prof Krzysztof Wrzesinski , Celvivo ApS, Denmark ClinoStar, a purpose-built system for culturing cells as <i>in vivo</i> mimetic 3D structures |
| 14:00 – 14:20 | Tanya Smit - Anticancer efficacy of selected South African phytomedicines in a three- dimensional colorectal cancer model |
| 14:20 – 14:40 | Dr Iman van den Bout - Using breast cancer organoids to inform treatment options |
| 14:40 – 15:00 | Dr Tracey Hurrell - Establishing advanced hepatic models for precision medicine in Africa |
| 15:00 – 15:20 | Tea/coffee |
| 15:20 – 15:50 | Plenary speaker: Prof Thashree Marimuthu , Advanced Drug Delivery Platform Research Unit, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa Properties and performance of 3D printed drug delivery systems and nanomedicine |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | Closing for the day |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Inaugural Annual General Meeting of SACCMA |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | Informal dinner – The Roots |
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Tuesday 11 October 2022

| SACCMA Conference Day THREE | | |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Tea/coffee | |
| 09:00 – 09:45 | Keynote speaker: Dr Magdalena Kasendra, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, USA Engineering next generation organoids with automated workflows | |
| 09:45 – 10:05 | Atoosa Amel - Building a stem cell-based <i>in vitro</i> model of early mammalian development | |
| 10:05 – 10:25 | Rhys McColl - The modification of kirrel expression in C2C12 myoblasts and their effects on differentiation and fusion | |
| 10:25 – 11:00 | Tea/coffee AND Poster Session 2 (uneven numbers) | |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Plenary speaker: Prof Carola Niesler , University of KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa <i>In vitro</i> models to understand cellular communication during regeneration and disease: simple or complex? | |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | Dr Jerolen Naidoo - YAP chromatin occupancy & enhancer dynamics in human iPSCs inform cell fate transitions during hepatic lineage specification | |
| 11:50 – 12:10 | Simoné Rossouw - In vitro modelling of embryonic development using advanced 3D stem cell culture | |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | Andrea Ellero - Proteomic characterization of inducible proteins in three-dimensional cultures | |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 – 14:15 | Keynote speaker: Prof Adelina Rogowska-Wrzesinska , Professor in Functional Proteomics, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark Why is 3D better? An omics analysis of mini liver spheroids | |
| 14:15 – 14:35 | Keith Ncube - Characterization of BT-20 triple-negative breast cancer spheroids cultivated under dynamic and static conditions | |
| 14:35 – 14:55 | Alandi van Niekerk - A novel NCI-H69AR drug resistant small cell lung cancer mini- tumour model for anti-cancer treatment screening | |
| 14:55 – 15:15 | Tea/coffee | |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | Plenary speaker: Dr Janine Scholefield , CSIR/University of Cape Town, South Africa What to do with an advanced cellular model for commercial purposes in Africa | |
| 15:45 – 16:05 | Charity Mabela - Establishing an A549 mini tumour model intended for xenograft implantation | |
| 16:05 – 16:20 | Industry presentations Inqaba Biotec | |
| 16:20 – 16:45 | Official closing | |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | Conference dinner - Dampad, NWU | |



Wednesday 12 October 2022

Conference workshop | Day ONE

| 08:30 - 09:00 | Delegate registration and coffee / tea and refreshments |
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| 09:00 - 09:10 | Welcome: Soné Hendriks, Head of Microscopy - South Africa, Carl Zeiss Pty Ltd |
| 09:10 – 09:40 | Plenary speaker: Prof Ben Loos , Stellenbosch University, South Africa Visualising cellular fate using correlative light and electron microscopy and sub-diffraction imaging |
| 09:40 – 10:40 | ZEISS 3D Imaging workshop: Dr Soren Prag , Carl Zeiss Microscopy GmbH ZEISS Celldiscoverer 7, the smart confocal microscope for automated workflows |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Tea/coffee |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | ZEISS 3D Imaging workshop: continue |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | ZEISS 3D Imaging workshop: Hands-on training |
| 15:00 | Tea/coffee and Departure |

