



**VIRTUAL  
26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
BLOOD-BRAIN  
BARRIER  
CONSORTIUM**

---

**CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION  
OF TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS**

---

**MARCH · 11 & 12 · 2021**

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the Virtual 26th Annual Blood-Brain Barrier (BBB) Consortium Meeting, which is organized by the Neuro-Oncology and BBB Program at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in collaboration with the International Brain Barriers Society (IBBS). Once again, the Scientific Advisory Board has assembled an outstanding group of speakers from a variety of disciplines, while providing ample time for group discussions and virtual networking opportunities.

This year, our focus is on “Cultivating the Next Generation of Translational Scientists”. The main session topics include: the blood-labyrinth barrier (BLB) and approaches to otoprotection; novel approaches to enhance delivery of therapeutics to the brain; research advancements in complex barriers of the CNS; and the state of the field of the blood-tumor barrier, cancer biology and clinical treatment advances. All attendees are invited to participate in the opening session on Thursday with updates on pre-clinical and clinical trials from the consortium and our collaborators. There we will discuss collaborative opportunities in the areas of blood-brain barrier disruption (BBBD), current and future trials, and advances in novel imaging techniques.

Please join us on Thursday afternoon for our virtual poster session, as well as for the keynote presentation by Dr. Stuart Grossman, which will wrap up the first day. Friday morning will begin with our Funding Opportunities for Translational Research on the Neurovascular Unit (NVU) session, featuring representatives from the NINDS, NCI, and other sources.

Similar to previous years, new investigator scholarship awardees will be given the opportunity to present their research orally. These short presentations will occur on Friday following the Funding Opportunities session. Also back by popular demand, the “one-on-one” mentor sessions will be held virtually on Friday during the meal break, providing an opportunity to meet and talk informally with seasoned scientists and clinicians in the fields of BBB and NVU science, neuro-imaging, drug delivery, and neuro-oncology. Please see the Mentor Session page for the link to sign up!

We are honored to have so many graduate and post graduate students and senior scientists gathered together virtually to network, share recent translational advances, and to discuss strategies for moving the field forward with the universal goal of improving clinical outcomes. As we embrace this new virtual meeting format together, we hope to make this experience as engaging and educational as possible. We are grateful for your participation and look forward to many stimulating discussions.

## Program Committee

*Edward Neuwelt*

*Prakash Ambady*

*Heather Leon*

## Scientific Advisory Board

*Bjoern Bauer*

*Nancy Doolittle*

*Lester Drewes*

*Sadhana Jackson*

*Robert Thorne*

## Acknowledgements

The Neuro-Oncology and Blood-Brain Barrier Program at Oregon Health & Science University expresses appreciation to the following organizations for their support of the 26th Annual Blood-Brain Barrier Consortium Meeting:

**AMAG Pharmaceuticals**

**Bristol Myers Squibb / Celgene Corporation Educational Grant**

**Fennec Pharmaceuticals**

**Gene Tools, LLC**

**NIH R13 Grant\*:**

National Cancer Institute

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

\*Funding for this conference was made possible (in part) by 5 R13 CA086959 from the National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services; nor does mention by trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

All times listed are PST

### CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS

---

8:00am PST

• INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME •

Prakash Ambady  
Portland, Oregon

---

• UPDATES ON PRE-CLINICAL AND CLINICAL TRIALS FROM THE CONSORTIUM AND OUR COLLABORATORS •

8:10-9:30  
PST

Moderators:

Prakash Ambady  
Portland, Oregon

Nancy Doolittle  
Portland, Oregon

Joseph Bubalo  
Portland, Oregon

Immunological Response to Osmotic BBB Disruption

Scott Burks  
Bethesda, Maryland

Safety of Intra-arterial Chemotherapy and Osmotic BBB Disruption

Kutluay Uluc  
Portland, Oregon

Update on Maintenance Obinutuzumab for Primary CNS Lymphoma

Nancy Doolittle  
Portland, Oregon

Update on Preclinical Trials

Leslie Muldoon  
Portland, Oregon

Inflammation and Ototoxicity

Cymon Kersch  
Portland, Oregon

Panel Discussion/Q & A

Correlating Imaging of the Brain Tumor Microenvironment and Glymphatic System with Histology

Ramon Barajas Jr.  
Portland, Oregon

Assessing High-Grade Gliomas: Steady-State Ferumoxytol Perfusion vs DSC-Gd

Laszlo Szidonya  
Portland, Oregon

Multi-Center Safety Results for Off-Label Diagnostic Use of Ferumoxytol in MRI

Kim-Lien Nguyen  
Los Angeles, California

Panel Discussion/Q & A

---

**BREAK, 9:30AM—9:40AM PST**

---

• COMPLEX BARRIERS OF THE CNS: RESEARCH ADVANCEMENTS •

9:40-11:10  
PST

Moderators:

Lester Drewes  
Duluth, Minnesota

Sadhana Jackson  
Bethesda, Maryland

Overview of the Barriers of the CNS

Bjoern Bauer  
Lexington, Kentucky

The Blood-Retinal Barrier: OCT and More

Phoebe Lin  
Portland, Oregon

A Cellular and Spatial Map of the Choroid Plexus Blood-CSF Barrier

Neil Dani  
Boston, Massachusetts

Glioma-Network Interactions: What Might This Mean for Therapeutic Strategies?

Shawn Hervey-Jumper  
San Francisco, California

Panel Discussion/Q & A

---

**VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION, 11:10AM—12:00PM PST**

**- SEE POSTER SESSION TAB FOR LINKS -**

**BREAK, 12:00PM —12:15PM PST**

---

# THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH CONT.

All times listed are PST

## · NOVEL APPROACHES TO ENHANCE DELIVERY OF THERAPEUTICS TO THE BRAIN ·

12:15-2:10 PST	Moderators:	Prakash Ambady Portland, Oregon	Stuart Grossman Baltimore, Maryland	John Boockvar New York, New York
	Engineering Enzyme Delivery to the CNS across the BBB: Preclinical and Clinical Proof of Concept			Robert Thorne South San Francisco, California
	The Blood-Brain Barrier and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant			Troy Lund Minneapolis, Minnesota
	Enhanced Delivery of Morpholino Oligonucleotides Using Low Dose Radiation			Prakash Ambady Portland, Oregon
	Dynamics of Blood-Brain Barrier Opening			Paul Lockman Morgantown, West Virginia
	Future of Focused Ultrasound in Brain Tumor Therapy			Joseph Frank Bethesda, Maryland
	Update on Intra-Arterial Drug Delivery to Bypass the BBB			John Boockvar New York, New York
	Panel Discussion/Q & A			

---

**BREAK, 2:10PM — 2:20PM PST**

---

## · KEYNOTE ·

2:20-3:00 PST	Moderators:	Prakash Ambady Portland, Oregon	Edward Neuwelt Portland, Oregon	
	Keynote: Cultivating the Next Generation of Translational Scientists			Stuart Grossman Baltimore, Maryland
	Panel Discussion			Helmi Lutsep Portland, Oregon Shivaani Kummar Portland, Oregon

# FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH

All times listed are PST

## · NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH ON THE NVU ·

8:00-9:00 PST	Moderators:	William Timmer Bethesda, Maryland	Bjoern Bauer Lexington, Kentucky	
	Expanding Opportunities and Awareness for the BBB			Francesca Bosetti Rockville, Maryland
	Writing a Really Good Specific Aims Page			William Timmer Bethesda, Maryland
	Maximizing Your Chances of Getting a NVU/BBB Grant Funded			Paul Lockman Morgantown, West Virginia
	Enhancing Diversity in Neuroscience			Michelle Jones-London Rockville, Maryland
	Panel Discussion			

## · NEW INVESTIGATOR PRESENTATIONS: SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES ·

9:00-9:30 PST	Moderator			Prakash Ambady Portland, Oregon
	Anticancer Drug Transport at the Blood-Brain Barrier: Impact of the Treatment of Glioblastoma			Julia Schulz Lexington, Kentucky
	Azacitidine is Effective in Treating Triple Negative Breast Cancer Brain Metastases through Regulation of DNA Methylation of the Keratin 18 Gene			Samuel Sprowls Morgantown, West Virginia
	Engineered Nanocarriers to Enhance Drug Delivery across the Blood-Brain Barrier			Joelle Straehla Boston, Massachusetts

---

**BREAK, 9:30AM—9:40AM PST**

---

## · BLOOD-LABYRINTH BARRIER (BLB): APPROACHES TO OTOPROTECTION ·

9:40-10:40 PST	Moderators:	Edward Neuwelt Portland, Oregon	William Timmer Bethesda, Maryland	Kristin Knight Portland, Oregon	Penelope Brock Tonbridge, United Kingdom
	Structure and Function of the Strial BLB and Noise-Induced Hearing Loss				Xiaorui Shi Portland, Oregon
	Clinical Translation of STS Chemoprotection in South America				Sidnei Epelman São Paulo, Brazil
	Development of Clinical Practice Guideline for the Prevention of Cisplatin-Induced Ototoxicity in Children				Kristin Knight Portland, Oregon
	Panel Discussion/Q & A				

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH CONT.

All times listed are PST

---

### BREAK AND MENTOR SESSIONS, 10:40AM — 12:05PM PST

---

#### • CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS: ONE-ON-ONE MENTOR SESSIONS • - SEE MENTOR SESSIONS TAB TO SIGN UP -

---

##### Session 1

10:42–11:22 PST

Bjoern Bauer  
Lexington, Kentucky

Adrienne Boire  
New York, New York

Joseph Frank  
Bethesda, Maryland

Sadhana Jackson  
Bethesda, Maryland

Paul Lockman  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Tiffany Lyle  
West Lafayette, Indiana

Robert Thorne  
South San Francisco, California

##### Session 2

11:24–12:04 PST

Francesca Bosetti  
Rockville, Maryland

Lester Drewes  
Duluth, Minnesota

Stuart Grossman  
Baltimore, Maryland

Troy Lund  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sanjay Malhotra  
Portland, Oregon

Leslie Muldoon  
Portland, Oregon

William Timmer  
Bethesda, Maryland

#### • THE BLOOD-TUMOR BARRIER, CANCER BIOLOGY AND CLINICAL TREATMENT ADVANCES: STATE OF THE FIELD •

12:05-2:15  
PST

Moderators:

Robert Thorne  
South San Francisco, California

Bjoern Bauer  
Lexington, Kentucky

Exploring Intricacies of Drug Entry across the Blood-Tumor Barrier

Sadhana Jackson  
Bethesda, Maryland

The Neural Regulation of Cancer – Harnessing Activity-Dependent Mechanisms of Glioma Growth for Treatment

Humsa Venkatesh  
Stanford, California

NSCLC Brain Metastases: Preclinical Model Development to Advance Clinical Translation

Tiffany Lyle  
West Lafayette, Indiana

Cancer Cells Circumvent the Blood-CSF Barrier in Leptomeningeal Metastasis

Adrienne Boire  
New York, New York

Panel Discussion: Future of the Field/Q & A

#### • MEETING WRAP-UP •

2:15-2:30  
PST

Meeting Highlights and Closing Statements

Edward Neuwelt  
Portland, Oregon

2:30  
PST

**Adjourn**

# Posters

LIVE VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION - MARCH 11

11:10AM PT / 2:10PM ET

1. Barajas RF Jr, Muldoon LL, Neuwelt EA, Zeng D. Improving Radionuclide Therapy with a SMART Approach: Preclinical Discoveries. Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon
2. Baringer S, Neely B, Simpson I, Connor J. Apo and Holo Transferrin Modulate the Uptake of Brain Iron In Vivo. Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, Pennsylvania
3. Bohannon DG, Okhravi HR, Kim J, Kuroda MJ, Didier ES, Kim WK. A Subset of Blood-Brain Barrier Microvascular Pericytes Transition to Smooth Muscle Actin-Positive Pericytes during Normal Aging. Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia; University of California, Los Angeles, California; University of California, Davis, California
4. Cai Q, Li X, Xiong H, Gao X, Bachoo R, Qin Z. Spatiotemporal Progression and Modulation of the Blood-Brain-Tumor Barrier. University of Texas, Dallas, Texas; University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas
5. Chung TD, Linville RM, Searson PC. Modeling BBB Dysfunction in Response to Acute and Chronic Oxidative Stress in 2D and 3D Tissue Engineered Microvessels. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
6. Demir Z, Ge Y. In Vivo Plaque Classification Using Diffusion Kurtosis Imaging and Correlation with T1/T2WI in Multiple Sclerosis. Spectrum Health/Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan; New York University Langone Health, New York, New York
7. Jorgensen C, Ulmschneider M, Searson PC. An Atomistic Model of Solute Transport across the Blood-Brain Barrier. Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; King's College London, London, United Kingdom; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
8. Li X, Vemireddy V, Cai Q, Xiong H, Kang P, Li X, Giannotta M, Bachoo R, Qin Z. Modulating the Blood-Brain Barrier by Picosecond Laser Stimulation of Molecular-Targeted Nanoparticles. University of Texas, Dallas, Texas; University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas
9. Li YB, Sodja C, Baumann E, Huang J, Charlebois C, Pandian P, Gilbert A, Stanimirovic D, Jezierski A. Development of a Perfusable iPSC-Derived 3D Blood Brain Barrier on Chip Model for Antibody Mediated Transcytosis. National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
10. Makrides V, Taslimifar M, Faltys M, Kurtcuoglu V, Verrey F. Human Blood Brain Barrier Amino Acid Transporter Expression, Activity and Modulation Characterized in hCMEC/D3 and by Computational Modeling: Insights. University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
11. McLaughlin R, Alam El Din DM, Laguna A, Top I, Hoffman-Kim D. Capillary-Like Network Disruption after Oxygen-Glucose Deprivation in a 3D Cortical Spheroid Model, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
12. Morris D, Kersch C, Muldoon LL, Neuwelt EA. Microglial Galectin-3 Enhances the Metastatic Phenotype of Breast Cancer Cells in Brain Metastases. Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon



## Posters continued

**\*\* Indicates 2021 Scholarship Award Recipients**

**LIVE VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION - MARCH 11**

**11:10AM PT / 2:10PM ET**

13. Morse SV, Chan TG, Long NJ, Choi JJ. Improved Drug Delivery across the BBB with Focused Ultrasound and Microbubble. Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom
14. Nehra G, Yubolphan R, Zheng J, Mullins S, Sulkowski B, Vivithanaporn P, Bauer B, Hartz AMS. Implications of Blood-Brain Barrier Leakage on Cognition in 5xFAD Mice. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky; Mahidol University, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
15. Neves V, Cavaco M, Castanho MARB. Dual-Active Peptides for the Treatment of Brain Metastases. Universidade de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal
16. Puris E, Auriola S, Hartman R, Gynther M, de Lange ECM, Fricker G. Altered Protein Expression of ABC and SLC Transporters at the BBB and Brain Cortex of Familial Alzheimer's Disease Rat Model. Heidelberg University, IPMB, Heidelberg, Germany; University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland; Leiden University, LACDR, The Netherlands
17. Rodgers LT, Schulz JA, Hartz AMS, Bauer B. Repurposing FDA-Approved PI3K/Akt Inhibitors to Improve Anti-Cancer Drug Brain Uptake in GBM Resection Models. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
18. \*\*Schulz JA, Hartz AMS, Samala R, Bauer B. Anticancer Drug Transport at the Blood-Brain Barrier: Impact of the Treatment of Glioblastoma. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky; South University, Savannah, Georgia
19. Smith-Cohn MA, Burley NB, Grossman SA. Transient Opening of the Blood Brain Barrier by Vasoactive Peptides to Increase CNS Drug Delivery: Reality Versus Wishful Thinking? National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland; Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
20. Soto L. New Brain Cancer Methods. University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
21. \*\*Sprowls SA, Butler C, Arsiwala TA, Liu T, Lockman PR. Azacitidine is Effective in Treating Triple Negative Breast Cancer Brain Metastases through Regulation of DNA Methylation of the Keratin 18 Gene. West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia; West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Lewisburg, West Virginia
22. \*\*Straehla JP, Hajal C, Offeddu G, Safford H, Wyckoff J, Kamm RD, Hammond PT. Engineered Nanocarriers to Enhance Drug Delivery across the Blood-Brain Barrier. Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Massachusetts Institutes of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts
23. Vazana U, Veksler R, Schori L, Monsonogo U, Swissa E, Pell GS, Roth Y, Brodt P, Friedman A, Prager O. TMS-Induced BBB Opening: Proof-of-Concept, Pre-Clinical Characterization and Implications for Brain Cancer Therapy. Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel; Brainsway Ltd., Jerusalem, Israel; McGill University and the Research Institute-McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, QC Canada; Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS Canada
24. Wu J, Ambady P, Kersch C, Muldoon LL, Neuwelt EA. Anti-PD-L1 Morpholino Oligonucleotides Combined with Radiation Reduced PD-L1 Protein Expression of Cancer Cells In Vitro and In Vivo. Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Oregon



**Neuro-Oncology and Blood-Brain Barrier Program**  
Oregon Health & Science University  
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, L603  
Portland, Oregon 97239  
Phone: 503-494-5626  
[www.ohsu.edu/bbb](http://www.ohsu.edu/bbb)