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**2010 GORDON RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
on TETRAPYRROLES, CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY OF**

**FINAL PROGRESS REPORT**

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The Gordon Research Conference on **TETRAPYRROLES, CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY OF** was held at Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island, July 25-30, 2010. The Conference was well-attended with 114 participants (attendees list attached). The attendees represented the spectrum of endeavor in this field coming from academia, industry, and government laboratories, both U.S. and foreign scientists, senior researchers, young investigators, and students. Of the 114 attendees, 58 voluntarily responded to a general inquiry regarding ethnicity which appears on our registration forms. Of the 58 respondents, 28% were Minorities – 17% Hispanic & 21% Asian. Approximately 33% of the participants at the 2010 meeting were women.

In designing the formal speakers program, emphasis was placed on current unpublished research and discussion of the future target areas in this field. There was a conscious effort to stimulate lively discussion about the key issues in the field today. Time for formal presentations was limited in the interest of group discussions. In order that more scientists could communicate their most recent results, poster presentation time was scheduled. Attached is a copy of the formal schedule and speaker program and the poster program. In addition to these formal interactions, "free time" was scheduled to allow informal discussions. Such discussions are fostering new collaborations and joint efforts in the field.

Thank you for your support of this Conference. As you know, in the interest of promoting the presentation of unpublished and frontier-breaking research, Gordon Research Conferences does not permit publication of meeting proceedings. If you wish any further details, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*Angela Wilks, Conference Chairperson*  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

## TETRAPYRROLES, CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY OF

July 25-30, 2010

Salve Regina University

Newport, RI

Chair:

**Angela Wilks**

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The objective of the Chemistry & Biology of Tetrapyrroles Gordon Conference is to bring together researchers from diverse disciplines that otherwise would not interact. By bringing biologists, chemists, engineers and clinicians with a common interest in tetrapyrroles the conference provides a forum for cross-disciplinary ideas and collaboration. The perspective provided by biologists, chemists, and clinicians working in fields such as newly discovered defects in human porphyrin metabolism, the myriad of strategies for light harvesting in photosynthetic organisms, novel tetrapyrroles that serve as auxiliary chromophores or enzyme cofactors, synthetic strategies in the design of novel tetrapyrrole scaffolds, and tetrapyrrole based cell signaling and regulatory systems, makes this conference unique in the field. Over the years the growing evidence for the role of tetrapyrroles and their reactive intermediates in cell signaling and regulation has been of increasing importance at this conference. The 2010 conference on Chemistry & Biology of Tetrapyrroles will focus on many of these new frontiers as outlined in the preliminary program listed below.

Speakers will emphasize unpublished results and new findings in the field. The oral sessions will be followed by the highly interactive afternoon poster sessions. The poster sessions provide all conferees with the opportunity to present their latest research and to exchange ideas in a more informal setting. As in the past, this opportunity will continue during the nightly social gathering that takes place in the poster hall following the evening lectures. All conferees are encouraged to submit and present posters. At the conference the best poster in the areas of biology, chemistry and medicine will be selected by a panel of previous conference chairs.

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### Contributors



## SUNDAY

2:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Arrival and Check-in (Office Closed 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm - 7:40 pm	Welcome / Introductory Comments by GRC Site Staff
7:40 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>HEME DEGRADATION: OXIDATIVE STRESS AND CELLULAR FUNCTION</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Paul R. Ortiz de Montellano</b> (University of California at San Francisco, USA)
7:40 pm - 8:20 pm	<b>Stephen W. Ragsdale</b> (University of Michigan, USA) "Thiol-disulfide redox switches that regulate heme-binding to proteins"
8:20 pm - 8:35 pm	Discussion
8:35 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Mahin D. Maines</b> (University of Rochester, USA) "Human biliverdin reductase; a bridge at the crossroads of multiple signal transduction pathways"
9:15 pm - 9:30 pm	Discussion

## MONDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>HEME BIOSYNTHESIS: GENES, PROTEINS AND DISEASE</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Jean Charles Deybach</b> (University of Paris, FRANCE)
9:00 am - 9:40 am	<b>Barry H. Paw</b> (Harvard Medical School, USA) "Mitoferrin solute carriers and their role in vertebrate heme synthesis in the mitochondria"
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Discussion
10:00 am	Coffee Break / Group Photo (10:15 am)
10:30 am - 11:10 am	<b>Sharon D. Whitley</b> (University of Cardiff, UK) "Molecular basis of human protoporphyria"
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Discussion
11:30 am - 12:10 pm	<b>John D. Phillips</b> (University of Utah, USA) "Efficient decarboxylation: What works and why"
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm	Discussion
12:30 pm	Lunch

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Free Time
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Poster Session
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>LIGHT HARVESTING PIGMENTS: STRUCTURE, FUNCTION AND REGULATION</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Alison Smith</b> (University of Cambridge, UK)
7:30 pm - 8:10 pm	<b>Jesse Woodson</b> (Salk Institute, USA) "Tetrapyrroles and chloroplast to nucleus communication in Arabidopsis"
8:10 pm - 8:30 pm	Discussion
8:30 pm - 9:10 pm	<b>Matthew J. Terry</b> (University of Southampton, UK) "Regulation of chlorophyll synthesis by light and plastid signals"
9:10 pm - 9:30 pm	Discussion

## TUESDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>TETRAPYRROLE ENZYMES: CATALYSIS AND REACTIVITY</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Gloria Ferreira</b> (University of Southern Florida, USA)
9:00 am - 9:40 am	<b>Jennifer L. DuBois</b> (University of Notre Dame, USA) "Making Dioxygen using Heme : O-O Bond Formation by Chlorite Dismutase"
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Discussion
10:00 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am - 11:10 am	<b>Martin J. Warren</b> (University of Kent, UK) "Putting tetrapyrroles in their place - the assembly of an organelle specifically for cobalamin dependent enzymes"
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Discussion
11:30 am - 12:10 pm	<b>C.S. Raman</b> (University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA) "How do novel functions evolve from existing heme protein scaffolds?"
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm	Discussion
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Free Time
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Poster Session
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>TETRAPYRROLES: NEW METHODOLOGIES IN CATALYSIS AND CHEMISTRY</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Kevin Smith</b> (Louisiana State University, USA)
7:30 pm - 8:10 pm	<b>Silviu Balaban</b> (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany)

	"Biomimetic Light-harvesting"
8:10 pm - 8:30 pm	Discussion
8:30 pm - 9:10 pm	<b>R. David Britt</b> (University of California at Davis, USA) "Multifrequency EPR studies of biliverdin-derived radical intermediates in the bilin reductase enzyme pcyA"
9:10 pm - 9:30 pm	Discussion

## WEDNESDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>HEME TRANSPORTERS, SENSORS AND REGULATORS</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Bill Lanzilotta</b> (University of Georgia, USA)
9:00 am - 9:40 am	<b>Carla V. Finkelstein</b> (Virginia Polytechnic Institute, USA) "Cross-talk mechanisms link circadian pathways to metabolic conditions"
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Discussion
10:00 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am - 11:10 am	<b>Stuart J. Ferguson</b> (University of Oxford, UK) "Complexity and Diversity in making the thioether bonds to heme in c-type cytochromes"
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Discussion
11:30 am - 12:10 pm	<b>Mark R. O'Brian</b> (SUNY at Buffalo) "Heme-mediated control of metal homeostasis"
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm	Discussion
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Free Time
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Poster Session
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>TETRAPYRROLES AS IMAGING AND THERAPEUTIC MOLECULES</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Graça H. Vicente</b> (Louisiana State University, USA)
7:30 pm - 8:10 pm	<b>Zeev Gross</b> (Technion-Israel Institute of Chemistry, Israel) "Metalocorroles for cellular and whole animal imaging and as therapeutic molecules"
8:10 pm - 8:30 pm	Discussion
8:30 pm - 9:10 pm	<b>Gang Zheng</b> (University of Toronto, Canada) "New roles for porphyrins in molecular imaging and therapy"
9:10 pm - 9:30 pm	Discussion

## THURSDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
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9:00 am - 12:30 pm	<b>HEME IN INFECTIOUS DISEASE</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Eric Skaar</b> (Vanderbilt University, USA)
9:00 am - 9:40 am	<b>Cecile Wandersman</b> (Institute Pasteur, France) "Iron extraction from heme: hammer or forceps"
9:40 am - 10:00 am	Discussion
10:00 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am - 11:10 am	<b>Bernard Meunier</b> (Palumed, FRANCE) "Heme as trigger and target for trioxane-containing antimalarial drugs"
11:10 am - 11:30 am	Discussion
11:30 am - 12:10 pm	<b>Amanda G. Oglesby</b> (University of Colorado at Denver, USA) "Heme regulation in <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> "
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm	Discussion
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Free Time
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Poster Session
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	<u>Business Meeting</u> (Nominations for the next Vice Chair; Fill out Conference Evaluation Forms; Discuss future Site & Scheduling preferences; Election of the next Vice Chair)
7:30 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>
	Discussion Leader: <b>Nicole Frankenburg-Dinkel</b> (Ruhr-University, Bochum, Germany)
8:00 pm - 8:50 pm	<b>J. Clark Lagarias</b> (University of California at Davis, USA) "Lord of the broken rings: From near UV to near IR and back again"
8:50 pm - 9:15 pm	Discussion
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Depart

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