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University of Maryland School of Medicine Institute for Genome Sciences Hosts International Scientific Symposium with Global Experts in Genomics and Bioinformatics
IGS Celebrates Fifth Anniversary with Scientific Meeting

Baltimore, Md. — October 18, 2012. The University of Maryland School of Medicine Institute for Genome Sciences is hosting “Frontiers in Genomics”, a day-long scientific symposium, in honor of the Institute’s fifth anniversary. The Symposium will be held at the University of Maryland School of Nursing (SON) Auditorium, room 130, from 8:45 am – 3:30 pm.

The program features four globally recognized experts in genomics and bioinformatics, who have traveled to Baltimore from the United Kingdom, Stanford, the National Institutes of Health and Harvard. The featured speakers include Julian Parkhill, Ph.D., Head of Pathogen Genomics, The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute; Michael Snyder, Ph.D., Director of the Stanford Center for Genomics and Personalized Medicine; Elaine Ostrander, Ph.D., Chief and NIH Distinguished Investigator, the National Institutes of Health; and John Quackenbush, Ph.D., Director of the Center of Cancer Computational Biology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. They will be speaking about new approaches to genomic applications in infectious diseases, pathogenic research and personalized medicine to a diverse audience of researchers, students, and faculty.

“We are so honored to host these well-known scientific genome leaders here for the Frontiers’ program,” says Claire M. Fraser, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Genome Sciences. “This is also a celebration for Baltimore and the University of Maryland professional schools, as our colleagues here are incorporating genomics into many different kinds of research.”

Information and registration for the Frontiers in Genomics symposium is at www.igs.umaryland.edu.

The program is open to the public.

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