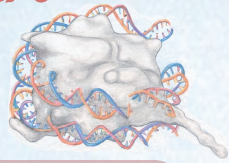


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Day 1

13h15 – Welcome coffee

13h45 – Welcome by the organizers

Keynote Speaker

13h50 – **Douglas Higgs** (Oxford University)

Understanding the Principles of Mammalian Gene Regulation via the Alpha-Globin Locus

Session 1 – Shaping the landscape: Chromatin Remodeling

14h50 – Invited Speaker : **Raphaël Margueron** (Institut Curie, Paris)

Polycomb complex PRC2 regulation during development

15h25 – Ana-Maria Popmihaylova (IGH, Montpellier)

FoxO-induced stress response prevents Polycomb-driven tumorigenesis

15h40 – Ramy Rhageb (LSI, Exeter)

Chromatin remodelling enables enhancer resetting to facilitate the ERK transcriptional response

15h55 – Dune Noly (CRBM, Montpellier)

Determinants of transcription regulation by the SAGA and TIP60 co-activator complexes

16h10 – Sponsor's Talk: Arima Genomics

16h20 – Coffee Break

Session 2 – Chromatin under pressure: Genome Instability and Cancer

17h00 – Invited Speaker: **Sophie Polo** (Epigenetic and Cell Fate Center, Paris)

Controlling silent chromatin states to safeguard genome integrity in response to DNA damage

17h35 – Aline Marnef (CBI, Toulouse)

The impact of the m6A pathway in DNA double strand break repair

17h50 – Elia Moarbess (IGH, Montpellier)

Decoding TopBP1 condensation: A driver of actin dynamics and DNA repair

18h05 – Romane Carette (CBI, Toulouse)

Role of SMC5/6 and MRN in DNA double-strand breaks mobility and repair

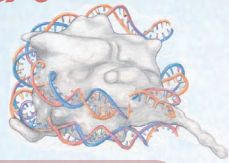
Poster Session & Cocktail

18h20 - 20h30



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Day 2

8h30 – Coffee

Session 3 – The genome voice: Chromatin and Gene Expression

09h00 – Invited Speaker - **Agnese Cristini** (CRCT, Toulouse)
Loss of R-loop Balance in Cancer

09h35 – Hegias Mira-Bontenbal (Erasmus MC, Rotterdam) *HCFC1 and YY1 coordinate COMPASS and Integrator recruitment to control X chromosome inactivation and global gene regulation*

09h50 – Benoit Ballester (TAGC, Marseille)
Exonic enhancers are a widespread class of dual-function regulatory elements

10h05 – Anna Mattout (CBI, Toulouse) *Somatic LSM2-8-mediated RNA decay of H3K27me3-marked genes non-autonomously governs the germline sperm-to-oocyte switch*

10h20 – Gaelle Farah (TAGC, Marseille)
Functional identification of essential leukemic enhancers in T-ALL

10h35 – Coffee Break

Session 4 – Metabolic crossroads: Chromatin and Cancer

11h15 – Invited Speaker: **Robert Schneider** (Helmholtz, Munich)
Histone acylations and chromatin dynamics

11h50 – Hiba Daher (IRCM, Montpellier)
The pro-tumoral metabolic functions of the epigenetic enzyme SUV4-20H2 in prostate cancer

12h05 – Doriane Ruiz (IRCM, Montpellier)
Chromatin control of metabolism: a role for the Tip60 complex in regulating protein glycosylation

12h20 – Francesco Calzaferri (IBMM, Montpellier)
Development of DNA methyltransferase inhibitors: towards a gene-selective approach

12h35 – Sponsor's Talk: Active Motif

12h45 – Lunch

Session 5 – Architects of the nucleus: Chromatin Organization

14h30 – Invited Speaker- **Charlène Boumendil** (IGH, Montpellier)
Disorder in coiled coils orchestrate chromatin organization and define a new permeability barrier at the nuclear pore basket

15h05 – Marco Di Stefano (IGH, Montpellier)
Biophysical models of the hyperacetylated genome

15h20 – Yolanda Moyano-Rodriguez (IGMM, Montpellier)
Mechanistical investigation of X-chromosome reactivation in the germline

15h35 – Flora Paldi (IGH, Montpellier)
Transient histone deacetylase inhibition induces cellular memory of gene expression and 3D genome folding

15h50 – Pablo Garcia (IGMM, Montpellier)
Unravelling the link between chromatin mobility and chromatin organization during Drosophila ZGA

16h05 – Meeting Closure