

The Third Summit on Systems Biology – Microbial World and Beyond
June 16-19, 2009, Richmond, Virginia, USA

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Call for Abstracts/Papers

The third annual Summit on Systems Biology will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel in historic Richmond, Va., located two hours south of Washington, D.C. The summit, comprised of five scientific sessions and two workshops, brings together computational and experimental scientists in the area of microbial systems. Summit participants will discuss research directions and latest findings in the “omics” domains, as well as promote collaborations in microbial systems biology and related disciplines. Two pioneers in systems biology, Leroy Hood, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Institute for Systems Biology, and Stuart Kauffman, M.D., past MacArthur Foundation Fellow and director of the Institute for Biocomplexity and Informatics at the University of Calgary, lead the summit steering committee. In addition to Kauffman, confirmed speakers include David Botstein, Ph.D., Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics, Princeton University; Jeremy Nicholson, Ph.D., Imperial College London; James Collins, Ph.D., Boston University; James Musser, M.D., Ph.D., Methodist Hospital Research Institute; Kristala Prather, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Christina Smolke, Ph.D., Stanford University; Cammie Lesser, M.D., Ph.D., Harvard University; Mark Gerstein, Ph.D., Yale University; and Yixue Li, Ph.D., Chinese Academy of Science. The committee invites active researchers to submit abstracts for review in order to participate at the conference with a poster or podium presentation.

The five scientific sessions are:

- Host-Pathogen Interactions
- Human Microbiome
- Microbial Engineering
- Metagenomics and Microbial Evolution
- Technological Advances in Systems Biology

The two workshops are:

- The Microbial Tree of Life
- Gene Networks and Diseases

You are invited to submit a 1-page abstract by **April 30, 2009**.

Abstracts must be submitted as electronic files (preferred in Word or PDF format). Please use the format outlined in the template (download from the website, <http://www.vcu.edu/csbc/systemsbiosummit/abstracts.html>) to prepare the abstract and email it directly to both zzhao@vcu.edu and sybiosummit@vcu.edu. Please use "Summit on Systems Biology: Abstract Submission" as the email subject line.

Authors of accepted abstracts will also be invited to submit a paper for potential publication in a special issue in [Chemistry and Biodiversity](#). Decisions on abstract acceptance for the conference will be announced on May 15, 2009. Contact: Dr. Zhongming Zhao (zzhao@vcu.edu) and sybiosummit@vcu.edu.

Key Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: April 30, 2009

Abstract acceptance and paper/poster invitation notification: May 15, 2009

Early registration deadline: May 15, 2009

Manuscript (for special issue) submission deadline: August 1, 2009