Epididymis Mini-Workshop

"The Epididymis in Infertility and as a Target for Contraceptive Development"

April 24, 2012

Immediately after the close of the 2012 ASA

Hilton Tucson El Conquistador

Tucson, Arizona

Program Chairs: Terry T. Turner, PhD and Gail Cornwall, PhD

Location: Joshua Tree

Registration for this workshop is free!

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	**Opening Remarks** Terry T. Turner, PhD
1:15 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	**What Do We Know Now About Epididymal Immunobiology?** Nicolas Da Silva, PhD
1:40 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	**What Do We Know About the Epididymal Luminal Protein Environment of the Epididymis?** Gail A. Cornwall, PhD
2:05 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	**What Do We Know About Sperm Membrane Modifications in the Epididymis that are Associated with Gain or Loss of Function?** Kenneth P. Roberts, PhD
2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.	**The Blood-Epididymis Barrier: A Hurdle or a Gateway for Male Contraceptive Development?** Barry T. Hinton, PhD
2:55 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	**What Do We Know About Regulatory Relationships Between Cells in the Epididymal Epithelium and Between Cells of the Epithelium and the Cell Populations of the Epididymal Interstitium?** Sylvie Breton, PhD
3:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	**Break**
3:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	**What Do We Know About the Role of the Epididymis in Male Infertility?** Robert E. Brannigan, MD
4:20 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	**Crossing the Divide: Major Issues and Difficulties in Moving an Epididymal Target from a Discovery in the Laboratory to a Useful Product in the Clinic – One Investigator's Experience** Michael G. O'Rand
4:45 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	**Male Reproductive Health Branch: What the Male Reproductive Health Program Within the NICHD is Interested in Regarding Male Infertility and What Assets We can Bring to Bear** Stuart B. Moss, PhD
5:05 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	**Contraception Branch: What the Contraceptive and Reproductive Health Branch Within NICHD is Interested in Related to Male Contraceptive Development and What Assets We can Bring to Bear** Diana Blithe, PhD
5:30 p.m.	**Closing** Gail A. Cornwall, PhD