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**CONNAUGHT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, 2016**

**EXPLORING GENE/ENVIRONMENT INTERACTIONS IN CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISEASES**

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**Confirmed Speakers & Panel Chairs:**

**Keynote**

- Dr. Charles Elson, III
  - University of Alabama School of Medicine
  - **Conversing with our “other self”: the host immune-microbiota dialogue**

- Dr. Judy Cho
  - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
  - **GWAS and meta-analysis of chronic inflammatory diseases**

- Dr. Andre Franke
  - IKMB, Kiel University
  - **Genome-wide host-microbiome association analyses in the German population**

- Dr. Kevan Jacobson
  - University of British Columbia
  - **Changing incidence of IBD and lessons learnt for the BC pediatric population**

- Dr. Jennifer Gommerman
  - Professor & Associate Chair
  - Department of Immunology
  - University of Toronto

- Dr. Ken Croitoru
  - Professor
  - Departments of Medicine & Immunology
  - University of Toronto

- Dr. Ken Cadwell
  - Skirball Institute of Biomolecular Medicine, NYU
  - **Gene-Microbiome interactions in inflammatory bowel disease**

- Dr. Jeremiah Faith
  - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
  - **The absolute microbiota**

- Dr. Howard Hu
  - Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
  - **Gene and environment interactions in chronic inflammatory diseases**

- Dr. Frits Koning
  - Leiden University
  - **High-dimensional analysis of the mucosal immune system reveals tissue- and disease-associated immune signatures**

- Dr. Lisa Osborne
  - University of British Columbia
  - **Host-microbiome interactions in intestinal infection and inflammation**

- Dr. Thad Stappenbeck
  - Washington University School of Medicine
  - **Gene-environment interaction in IBD; Panel on designing mouse experiments with the microbiome in mind**

- Dr. Bruce Vallance
  - University of British Columbia
  - **Key regulators of host-microbiome interactions in the GI tract**

- Dr. Kathy McCoy
  - University of Calgary
  - **Microbiota and regulation of the innate immune system**

- Dr. Maria Rescigno
  - European Institute of Oncology
  - **Immune complexity at mucosal sites: Implication in inflammation**

- Dr. Kathy Siminovitch
  - University of Toronto
  - **Panel on big data analytical pipelines**

- Dr. Lisa Osborne
  - University of British Columbia
  - **Key regulators of host-microbiome interactions in the GI tract**

- Dr. Eytan Wine
  - University of Alberta
  - **Gut microbes as mediators of chronic inflammatory diseases**

- Dr. Jens Walter
  - University of Alberta
  - **Impact of environmental and lifestyle factors on gut microbiota assembly: Implications for autoimmune diseas-**

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