

**The Research Organism (RO) Landscape:
Choosing the Best Organism for Your Scientific Question**

NIH Campus, Natcher Building, Room E1/E2 and Videocast

September 12, 2019

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and introductions**
Dorit Zuk, *National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), NIH*
- 9:15-10:00 **Keynote presentation**
Alejandro Sánchez Alvarado, *Stowers Institute for Medical Research*
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 **Panel 1: Setting the stage: Research Organism case studies**
Moderator: Laura Landweber, *Columbia University*
Panelists:
John Pringle, *Stanford University*
Chelsey Simmons, *University of Florida*
Mansi Srivastava, *Harvard University*
Karen Visick, *Loyola University*
Randal Voss, *University of Kentucky*
- 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:00 **Introduction to the afternoon**
Jon Lorsch, *NIGMS, NIH*
- 1:00 – 2:30 **Panel 2: Practical considerations when choosing a less common RO – the funder perspective**
Moderator: Terri Kinzy, *Western Michigan University*
Panelists:
David Balasundaram, *Center for Scientific Review, NIH*
Jake Basson, *NIGMS, NIH*
Lisa Dunbar, *NIGMS, NIH*

Ted Morgan, *National Science Foundation*
Kris Willis, *National Cancer Institute, NIH*
Sige Zou, *Office of Research Infrastructure Programs, NIH*

2:30 – 2:45

Break

2:45 – 4:00

Panel 3: Practical considerations when choosing a less common RO – the community perspective

Moderator: Alejandro Sánchez Alvarado, *Stowers Institute for Medical Research*

Panelists:

Terri Kinzy, *Western Michigan State University*

Laura Landweber, *Columbia University*

Laurie Brignolo, *University of California, Davis*

Ida Chow, *Society for Developmental Biology*

Erika Matunis, *Johns Hopkins School of Medicine* representing the *Genetics Society of America*

4:00 – 4:45

Discussion

Moderator: Dorit Zuk, *NIGMS, NIH*