

Rare / orphan genetic diseases: From phenotype to gene and molecular pathways

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09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and light refreshments
09:30 – 09:45	Opening remarks and introduction of the National Knowledge Center for Rare/Orphan diseases
09:45 – 10:15	Monogenic diseases: from phenotypes to genes, molecular pathways and disease prevention. Ohad Birk , Genetics Institute, Soroka Medical Center and Shraga Segal Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics, Ben-Gurion University.
10:15 – 10:45	Genetic diseases in Israel - an overview. Joël Zlotogora , Faculty of Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
10:45 – 11:15	From the genetic disease to the mechanism causing it: example from cardiomyopathy. Ruthi Parvari , Shraga Segal Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics, Ben-Gurion University.
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:15	<i>C. elegans</i> as a model for human rare diseases: the role of fusion in shaping the mitochondrial network. Anat Ben-Zvi , Department of Life Sciences, Ben-Gurion University.
12:15 – 12:45	Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) as “disease in a dish” models for human inherited diseases. Rivki Ofir , BGU-iPSC Core Facility, Regenerative Medicine & Stem Cell Research Center, Ben-Gurion University.
12:45 – 13:15	The role of transcriptional enhancers in neurodevelopmental disorders. Ramon Birnbaum , Department of Life Sciences, Ben-Gurion University.
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch break
14:15 – 14:45	Elucidating the use of the fruit fly, <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> , as a model for human rare diseases. Uri Abdu , Department of Life Sciences, Ben-Gurion University.
14:45 – 15:15	Mitochondrial-nuclear gene expression co-regulation and its role in health and disease. Dan Mishmar , Department of Life Sciences, Ben-Gurion University.
15:15 – 15:45	Quantitative views into the tissue-selectivity of hereditary diseases. Esti Yeger-Lotem , Department of Clinical Biochemistry & Pharmacology, Ben-Gurion University.