

**Subject:** RE: DARPA Safe Genes Kick Off- Hotel Deadline FRIDAY

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Symposium at Riverside on the Friday after the DARPA event, for anyone who might be interested. Don't think it has been announced publicly yet, but it should happen soon.

I'm the sucker who has to speak immediately after George Church!

Owain

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# Applying advanced synthetic biology tools to engineer the fate of species

**CIDVR Symposium**  
May 5th, 2017, 12-5pm  
UCR Genomics Auditorium

Registration and refreshments begins at Noon

**Omar Akbari (UC Riverside)**  
Short Introductions 12:15-12:25pm

**George Church (Harvard University)** 12:30-1:10pm  
**Keynote** "Unnatural selection: extinction, reversal & resistances"

**Owain Edwards (CSIRO)** 1:15-1:55pm  
"Can synthetic biology save the world's coral reefs?"

**Craig Montell (UC Santa Barbara)** 2:00-2:40pm  
"Decoding the receptors controlling animal behavior in insects"

**Coffee Break** 2:45-3:10pm

**Luke Alphey (Pirbright Institute)** 3:15-3:55pm  
"Genetic Control of Mosquitoes"

**Anthony A. James (UC Irvine)** 4:00-4:45pm  
"La Zanzara Vitruviana: Synthetic Biology and Malaria"

Followed by a reception with catering in the genomics lobby

**Registration Required**  
For registration and more details please visit: [www.akbarilab.com/registration](http://www.akbarilab.com/registration)

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Hi folks,

I was notified today that we got extra funding added to our budget (about ~\$17k) to cover attendance at this meeting for you folks as you had indicated an interest/availability. As this came later in the budgeting process and we already had everyone's subcontractor budgeting packages submitted to DARPA, we just had it added to the NCSU travel budget (we actually weren't sure whether we would have to modify under our budget caps - the additional funds for this were a pleasant surprise that way).

With all that as preamble, I just got this from the DARPA folks this afternoon noting the deadline coming up for the hotel reservation. It sounds like you folks or some of you may have received it as well? The budget for travel to the kick off meeting would mean that will be paid through us for both NCSU and non-NCSU folks. I'm still getting details at this end on exactly how this would work and will pass those along when I do, but it will likely require invoicing us for costs/reimbursement which I hope is alright.

More details to come, John

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Wegrzyn, Renee** <[renee.wegrzyn@darpa.mil](mailto:renee.wegrzyn@darpa.mil)>

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Hello Safe Genes Teams!

The Safe Genes Kick-Off meeting is rapidly approaching! Hotel registration closes THIS FRIDAY, April 7. PIs are receiving this email, as well as co-PIs and team members that may not have received the original email.

PIs, please be sure to share this info with anyone from your team that you plan to bring to the meeting. While PIs are responsible for coordination of the talks that have been assigned to them for their main projects, all co-Pis, collaborators, students, etc are invited to submit single slides for the lightning sessions described below.

The meeting will be held at the Hilton San Diego (address below) where there is also a room block.

Hilton San Diego  
1775 East Mission Bay Drive  
San Diego, CA 92109

Information including the draft agenda, lodging and logistics are available on the registration site.



UPCOMING DATES:

Slides and presentation titles due to DARPA NO LATER THAN Monday, April 24.

Meeting registration closes April 25.

We are excited for this opportunity to bring together the Safe Genes community, including other projects already underway from previously funded seedling efforts, SBIR contracts, and Young Faculty Awards. We will start Day 1 by providing an overview of the portfolio and our expectations for successful collaborations in this community.

All teams are expected to present materials related to their funded efforts. Each team is assigned one required team presentation. Please coordinate with the PI on a cohesive team submission.

There will be four lightning talk sessions (outlined below) that subs may submit to individually. The lightning talk should be three minutes and one slide (optional). For more details, please see the agenda on the registration website.

#### 1. Data Sharing Lightning talk

The Safe Genes community is invited to present on an approach to and perspective on data sharing. How are you doing this already? What would help your team to be more collaborative?

#### 2. Engagement on LEEDR (Legal, Ethical, Environmental, Dual Use, and Responsible Innovation) Panel Lightning talk

The Safe Genes community is invited to present on an approach to community engagement, regulatory engagement, or anything else that you would like to discuss relevant to this topic.

#### 3. Opportunities and challenges in LEEDR (Legal, Ethical, Environmental, Dual Use, and Responsible Innovation) Panel Lightning talk

The Safe Genes community is invited to present a specific opportunity now accessible through gene editing that you are especially excited about, or something that keeps you up at night.

#### 4. In vivo Delivery Strategies Lightning talk

The Safe Genes community is invited to present on a promising new delivery approach of interest.

PIs should coordinate with subs travel and the main presentations.

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Subject: Safe Genes Kick Off

Importance: High

Hi Lianne,

In speaking with Luke Alphey and Andrea Chrisanti this week, it is clear that the PIs are not pushing down the invite instructions to the subs, and they are also not pushing the opportunity down for subs to present single-slide lightning talks in the sessions. Could you please draft an email (and a list of all PI and Sub email addresses that I can bcc) so I can send out reminding everyone 1) to register, the room block is closing! And 2) to make sure that all subs feel welcome to present in the lightning rounds (and we can indicate that the PIs will coordinate with subs travel and the main presentaions).

I hope to get full participation from all team levels.

Thanks!

Renee

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