



**Riboclub 20th anniversary and  
Canada Gairdner International symposium**

Sep 22-27 Hotel Cheribourg, Orford, Canada

Organization Committee: Allan Jacobson, Robert Singer,  
Adrian Krainer, Françoise Stutz, Yukihide Tomari, Sandra Wolin and the RiboClub

**Sunday, September 22, 2019 (Day1)**

- 15:00 - 20:00 Registration / Coffee and cake
- 17:00 - 17:15 Opening notes and announcements
- 17:15 - 18:15 Plenary notes I & II by **Joan Steitz** and **Witold Filipowicz**
- 18:15 - 19:30 Cocktail and social time
- 19:30 - 19:35 Welcome note by **Pierre Cossette**, President, Université de Sherbrooke
- 19:35 - 20:30 Industry Networking Dinner
- 20:30 - 20:40 Travel Awards
- 20:40 - 23:30 Get together

**Monday, September 23, 2019 (Day2)**

**Public and student outreach session: The RiboClub and the Societal Impact of RNA Research**

- 09:00 - 09:10 Meeting introduction, **Sherif Abou Elela**
- 09:10 - 09:20 The RiboClub: 20 years of discoveries, **Benoit Chabot**
- 09:20 - 09:25 RNA research in Sherbrooke  
**Jean-Pierre Perreault**, Vice-President Research and Graduated Studies, UdeS
- 09:25 - 09:30 Gairdner Foundation Presentation
- 09:30 - 09:35 **Michael Strong**, CIHR
- 09:35 - 09:45 The RiboClub: a training playground for future research, **Jonathan Perreault**
- 09:45 - 09:55 RNA biology in Canada and the training of future generation  
**Hans-Joachim Wieden** and **Stephen Rader**
- 09:55 - 10:15 **Gairdner public lecture: RNA from discovery to treatment, Adrian Krainer**
- 10:15 - 10:30 Panel discussion and questions
- 10:30 - 11:15 Coffee break and social time
- 11:15 - 11:45 RNA tool for designing life (Genome editing), **Erik Sontheimer**
- 11:45 - 12:15 RNA tool for designing life (Transcriptome modification), **TBD**
- 12:15 - 12:45 Panel discussion and questions

**Beginning of the scientific meeting**

- 12:55 - 14:00 Lunch for registered guests
- 14:00 - 16:05 **Session 1: RNA silencing**
- 16:05 - 16:25 Coffee break
- 16:25 - 18:30 **Session 2: RNA editing, modification and transcriptomics**
- 18:30 - 21:00 Dinner
- 21:00 - 23:00 Get together

**Tuesday September 24, 2019 (Day 3)**

- 07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:00 - 10:05 **Session 3: Bacterial RNA**
- 10:05 - 10:35 Coffee break
- 10:35 - 12:40 **Session 4A: Non-coding RNA**
- 12:40 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 16:05 **Session 4B: Non-coding RNA**
- 16:05 - 16:35 Coffee break
- 16:35 - 18:25 **Session 5: Ribosome structure and function**
- 18:25 - 18:45 Students' Poster Promotion Micro talks (2-minute talks)
- 18:45 - 19:45 Dinner
- 19:45 - 21:45 Poster session I
- 21:45 - 23:00 Get together

**Wednesday September 25, 2019 (Day 4)**

- 07:00 - 08:00 **Breakfast**
- 08:00 - 10:05 **Session 6: Spliceosome structure and function**
- 10:05 - 10:35 Coffee break
- 10:35 - 12:40 **Session 7: RNA decay and surveillance**
- 12:40 - 12:55 Group photo
- 12:55 - 14:40 Lunch
- 14:40 - 16:40 Poster session II
- 16:40 - 19:00 Free afternoon
- 19:00 - 20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 - 21:30 RNA biology the early days by **Marvin Wickens**
- 21:30 - 23:00 Get together

**Thursday September 26, 2019 (Day 5)**

- 07:00 - 08:00 **Breakfast**
- 08:00 - 10:05 **Session 8: RNA and immunity**
- 10:05 - 10:35 Coffee break
- 10:35 - 12:40 **Session 9: Alternative splicing mechanism and regulation of splicing**
- 12:40 - 14:40 Lunch
- 14:40 - 16:30 **Session 10: RNA granules and droplet**
- 16:30 - 17:15 Coffee break
- 17:15 - 19:20 **Session 11: RNA structure, evolution, aptamer and catalytic RNA**
- 19:20 - 20:00 Cocktail and social time
- 20:00 - 21:30 Dinner and Life Achievement Award announcement
- 21:30 - 22:30 Special presentation for a lifetime for the study of RNA biology by **Philip Sharp**
- 22:30 - 23:30 Music show
- 23:30 - Dance

**Friday September 27, 2019 (Day 6)**

- 07:00 - 09:00 Breakfast and Departure

