

RNA Canada: RiboClub 2025

Organized in association with the Colorado RNA Group

September 21–25, 2025

Hôtel Chéribourg, Orford, Québec

Sunday, September 21

13:30 – 14:30

- **Registration**

14:30 – 17:00

- **RNA Canada Outreach Open House**

Organizer: RNA Canada Outreach Group

- Free exchange of information about RNA Canada's activities, resources, and opportunities.

15:00 – 16:00

- **Trainees' Orientation**

Organizer: Student Representatives in coordination with RNA Canada

16:00 – 17:00

- **Sponsored presentations**

17:00 – 18:30

- **Welcome Reception**

18:30 – 20:00

- **Welcome Note & Opening Dinner**

20:00 – 20:05

- **Introduction of Keynote Speaker** (*Chantal Autexier, McGill University*)

20:05 – 21:05

- **Opening Keynote Talk**

Speaker: **Tom Cech**

(45 min talk + 15 min Q&A)

Monday, September 22

08:00 – 09:00

- Registration

09:00 – 09:10

- Opening Notes & Announcements

09:10 – 09:15

- Introduction of Keynote Speaker (TBD)

09:15 – 10:15

- **Morning Keynote Presentation**
Speaker: Wendy Gilbert
(45 min talk + 15 min Q&A)

10:15 – 10:40

- Coffee Break

Session 1: Best Seminar Awards by Trainees

Chair: Student Representatives (Laurence Faucher Giguère & Louis-Philippe Chaumont)

- **10:40 – 10:45** | Introduction by Student Representatives
- **10:45 – 11:05** | Talk 1: Best Seminar Award (Trainee)
- **11:05 – 11:10** | Introduction by Student Representatives
- **11:10 – 11:40** | Talk 2: Alumnus of the Year

Academia–Industry Event (Session organized by ARENA and RiboClub in collaboration with ARN Québec and Génome Québec)

Theme: “Building Tomorrow’s RNA Ecosystem: Roles, Opportunities, and Synergies”

Thème : “Construire l’écosystème ARN de demain : rôles, opportunités et synergies”

- **11:40 – 11:50** | Introduction
- **11:50 – 12:15** | Company Presentations (6 × 5 min)
- **12:15 – 13:05** | Panel Discussion (Industry & Academic Experts)
- **13:05 – 14:05** | Roundtable Discussions & Informal Networking (Lunch Served)
- **14:05 – 14:10** | Closing the session

The companies/organizations giving presentations will also be invited to join the panel and lead the roundtable discussions. Additional RNA experts may also be added to the list for the roundtables.

Session 2: RNA Therapeutics

Chair: Philippe Gros (McGill University)

- **14:40 – 14:45** | Introduction by Chair
 - **14:45 – 15:05** | Talk 1: Michelle Hastings (University of Michigan Medical School)
 - **15:05 – 15:25** | Talk 2: Anastasia Khvorova (University of Massachusetts)
 - **15:25 – 15:45** | Talk 3: Selected from Abstracts
 - **15:45 – 16:05** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
 - **16:05 – 16:25** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
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Panel discussion and Poster Flash Talks

- **16:25 – 16:40** | Panel Discussion Moderated by Chair
 - **16:40 – 17:00** | Poster Flash Talks (10 Trainees × 2 min each)
 - **17:00 – 17:10** | Coffee Break
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Poster session

- **17:15 – 18:15** | Poster Competition IA (Odd Numbers)
 - **18:15 – 19:15** | Poster Competition IB (Even Numbers)
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Presentation by Stephen Scaringe + Dinner

- **19:15 – 20:00** | Dinner
 - **20:00 – 21:15** | After-Dinner Keynote (active workshop)
Speaker: Stephen Scaringe
Introduction: TBD
 - **21:15 – 22:20+** | Social Gathering
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Tuesday, September 23

07:00 – 08:30

- **Breakfast**

Session 3: Infection, Immunology & Host Response

Chair: Lara Mahal (University of Alberta)

- **08:30 – 08:35** | Introduction

- **08:35 – 08:55** | Talk 1: Sarah Cherry (University of Pennsylvania)
- **08:55 – 09:15** | Talk 2: Beatriz Fontoura (UT Southwestern)
- **09:15 – 09:35** | Talk 3: Matt Daugherty (UC San Diego)
- **09:35 – 09:55** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
- **09:55 – 10:15** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
- **10:15 – 10:30** | Panel Discussion

10:30 – 11:00

- **Coffee Break**

Session 4: Splicing & mRNA Maturation

Chair: John Mattick (UNSW Sydney)

- **11:00 – 11:05** | Introduction
- **11:05 – 11:25** | Talk 1: Roy Parker (University of Colorado Boulder)
- **11:25 – 11:45** | Talk 2: Rob Martienssen (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory)
- **11:45 – 12:05** | Talk 3: Angela N Brooks (UC Santa Cruz)
- **12:05 – 12:25** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
- **12:25 – 12:45** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
- **12:45 – 13:00** | Panel Discussion

13:00 – 14:40

- **Lunch**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Activity**
Organizer: RNA Canada ARN EDI Committee
Speakers: TBD

Session 5: RNA Structure–Function

Chair: Sebastian Will (École Polytechnique)

- **14:40 – 14:45** | Introduction
- **14:45 – 15:05** | Talk 1: Elena Rivas (Harvard University)
- **15:05 – 15:25** | Talk 2: Jan Gorodkin (RTH)
- **15:25 – 15:45** | Talk 3: Sarah M. Assmann (Penn State)
- **15:45 – 16:05** | Talk 4: Ivo Hofacker
- **16:05 – 16:25** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
- **16:25 – 16:40** | Panel Discussion

16:40 – 16:50

- **Coffee Break (Transition to Posters)**

16:50 – 17:40

- **Poster Competition IIA (Even Numbers)**

17:40 – 18:30

- **Poster Competition IIB (Odd Numbers)**

18:30 – 19:30

- **RNA Canada Information Session** (Speaker TBD)

19:30 – 20:30

- **Dinner**

20:30 – 21:30

- **After-Dinner Speaker**
Speaker: Manny Ares (UC Santa Cruz)
Introduction: Benoit Chabot (Université de Sherbrooke)
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Wednesday, September 24

07:00 – 08:30

- **Breakfast**

Session 6: Translation

Chair: Hans-Joachim Wieden (University of Manitoba)

- **08:30 – 08:35** | Introduction
- **08:35 – 08:55** | Talk 1: Tim Stasevich (Colorado State University)
- **08:55 – 09:15** | Talk 2: Kristin Koutmou (University of Michigan)
- **09:15 – 09:35** | Talk 3: Selected from Abstracts
- **09:35 – 09:55** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
- **09:55 – 10:15** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
- **10:15 – 10:35** | Panel Discussion

10:35 – 11:00

- **Coffee Break**

Session 7: Bacterial RNA

Chair: Rob Batey (University of Colorado Boulder)

- **11:00 – 11:05** | Introduction
- **11:05 – 11:25** | Talk 1: Mark Glover (University of Alberta)
- **11:25 – 11:45** | Talk 2: Marvin Whiteley (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- **11:45 – 12:05** | Talk 3: Lydia Herzel (Freie Universität Berlin)
- **12:05 – 12:25** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
- **12:25 – 12:45** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
- **12:45 – 13:00** | Panel Discussion

13:00 – 14:00

- **Lunch Box**

13:00 – 15:00

- **Outdoor Mentoring Activity**

Session 8: Non-Coding RNAs

Chair: Martin Sauvageau (Université de Montréal)

- **15:00 – 15:05** | Introduction
- **15:05 – 15:25** | Talk 1: Kai Papenfort (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)
- **15:25 – 15:45** | Talk 2: Amy Palmer (University of Colorado Boulder)
- **15:45 – 16:05** | Talk 3: Mary A. Allen (University of Colorado Boulder)
- **16:05 – 16:25** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
- **16:25 – 16:45** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
- **16:45 – 17:00** | Panel Discussion

17:00 – 19:00

- **Networking Activity**
Organizer: RNA Canada Outreach Group (Patient, Clinician & Disease Initiative)

19:00 – 22:00

- **Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony**
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Thursday, September 25

07:00 – 08:30

- **Breakfast**

Session 9: Transcriptomics & Epitranscriptomics

Chair: Neel Mukherjee (University of Colorado Anschutz)

- **08:30 – 08:35** | Introduction
 - **08:35 – 08:55** | Talk 1: Matthew Taliaferro (University of Colorado Anschutz)
 - **08:55 – 09:15** | Talk 2: Olivia Wilkins (University of Manitoba)
 - **09:15 – 09:35** | Talk 3: Selected from Abstracts
 - **09:35 – 09:55** | Talk 4: Selected from Abstracts
 - **09:55 – 10:15** | Talk 5: Selected from Abstracts
 - **10:15 – 10:30** | Panel Discussion
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Student Choice Award Keynote Talk

- **10:30 – 11:30** | *Speaker: Gene Yeo*
(45 min talk + 15 min Q&A)
Chair: Student Representatives

11:30 – 12:00

- **Closing Remarks**

12:00

- **Conference Concludes**

We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting and productive RiboClub 2025!