



Institute of Chemical Biology & Drug Discovery

*"Natural Products and Biologicals:
Recent Advances and Future Prospects"*

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Thursday, October 1, 2026 ♦ Student Activities Center
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Distinguished Speakers

Dr. Sudhir Agrawal, *ARNAY Sciences*
Dr. Audrey Bernstein, *SUNY Upstate*
Dr. Dipannita Kalyani, *Merck*
Dr. Jingfang Ju, *Stony Brook University*
Dr. William Wuest, *Emory University*
Dr. Ben Shen, *UF Scripps Institute*
Dr. David Sherman, *University of Michigan*

Poster Sessions ♦ Poster Awards

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ICB&DD 20th Annual Symposium

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9:15 am to 9:30 am	Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Jeffrey Gustafson</i> , Professor of Chemistry, Chair of Symposium Organizing Committee <i>Dr. Peter Igarashi</i> , Knapp Endowed Dean, Renaissance School of Medicine, Stony Brook University <i>Dr. Iwao Ojima</i> , Distinguished Professor and Director, Institute of Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery (ICB&DD), Stony Brook University
9:30 am to 10:15 am	Dr. Sudhir Agrawal , Founder and President, ARNAY Sciences LLC <i>"RNA-Targeted Therapeutics: 40 Years of Development"</i>
10:15 am to 11:00am	Dr. Audrey Bernstein , Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, SUNY Upstate Medical School <i>"Cellular Drivers of Fibrosis: Insights from the Eye"</i>
11:00 am to 11:45 am	Dr. Jingfang Ju , Professor of Pathology and Vice Chair for Experimental Pathology, Stony Brook University. Program Leader of Oncogenic Drivers and Mechanisms of Carcinogenesis (ODMC), Stony Brook Cancer Center <i>"Development of Multimodal miRNA-Based Cancer Therapeutics"</i>
11:45 am to 1:00 pm	Lunch and Poster Session (SAC Ballroom A and B for students and Traditions Room for faculty)
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm	Dr. Dipannita Kalyani , Principal Scientist, Discovery Chemistry, Merck <i>"Oral Peptide Inhibitors of IL-1β for Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease"</i>
1:45 pm to 2:30 pm	Dr. William Wuest , Professor of Chemistry, Emory University <i>"Slaying Superbugs One Natural Product at a Time"</i>
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Coffee Break and Student Poster Session (SAC Ballroom A)
3:30 pm to 4:15 pm	Dr. Ben Shen , Professor of Chemistry and Molecular Medicine, the Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute <i>"The Actinobacteria Strain Collection and Genome Database Community Resource Enabling Natural Products Research and Drug Discovery"</i>
4:15 pm to 5:00 pm	Dr. David Sherman , Hans W. Vahlteich Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, Microbiology and Immunology. Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education-Pharmacy, University of Michigan <i>"Discovery and Engineering of Natural Product Molecules for Drug Development"</i>
5:00 pm to 5:05 pm	Closing Remarks: Dr. Jeffrey Gustafson
5:05 pm to 6:00 pm	Reception and Poster Session (<i>three poster awards</i>), (SAC Ballroom A)
6:00 pm to 6:15 pm	Announcement of Poster Awards: Dr. Jeffrey Lipshultz
6:15 pm	DINNER , Ballroom B (by invitation only)