The inaugural Gordon Research Conference on Sleep Regulation and Function will be held March 16-21, 2014, in Galveston, TX, USA. The focus of this conference is "Emerging Themes and Paradigm Shifts". During the past two decades we have witnessed a paradigm shift in the conceptualization of how sleep is regulated. Within the context of paradigm shifts and emerging themes, a research program has emerged in which investigators from many different backgrounds ask basic questions about the regulation and function of sleep at a local level as well as at the level of the whole organism. Investigators use a wide range of methodologies developed within the disciplines of molecular biology, genetics, systems biology, neuroscience, mathematical modeling and others. The objectives of the conference are to; bring together scientists from within and outside the sleep research community who will contribute to a highly integrated conference; provide a forum for discussion of the latest research in the field; and contribute to the training of the next generation of sleep researchers.

Abstracts covering any topic of the basic science of sleep will be considered for inclusion, although priority will be given to abstracts that complement the program. In addition to an open abstract call, there will be two moderated Poster Symposia on the topics of Sleep-Immune Interactions and Sleep and Metabolism. Each poster symposia will include up to 20 posters, and priority for these symposia will be given to trainees and early career investigators who submit abstracts focused on these topics.

Attendance at Gordon Conferences is competitive and by application. Online applications, including abstract submission, must be submitted by February 16, 2014. Attendance at this Gordon Conference is limited to 200 individuals. For more information, to view the preliminary program, and to apply to attend, please point your browser to the following link:


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