

**Hybrid Conference Programme**

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**Wednesday, 21 September 2022**

**11:15**      **12:30**      **Registration, lunch and networking**

12:10      12:25      *Briefing for Keynote & Session 1 speakers, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium*

**12:30**      **12:40**      **Welcome**

**Scientific Programme Committee:**

[Joanna Kelley, Washington State University, USA](#)  
[Oliver Stegle, German Cancer Research Center & EMBL Heidelberg, Germany](#)  
[Páll Melsted, University of Iceland, Iceland](#)  
[Nicola Mulder, University of Cape Town, South Africa](#)

**12:40**      **13:40**      **Keynote 1**

Introduction to the session  
*Chair: Oliver Stegle, German Cancer Research Center & EMBL Heidelberg, Germany*  
*Moderator: Joanna Kelley*

Going from Maps to Mechanisms, to Medicines in Obesity  
[Cecilia Lindgren, University of Oxford, UK](#)

13:40      13:50      Comfort Break

**13:50**      **17:40**      **Session 1: Genome assembly & Sequence algorithms**

Introduction to the session  
*Chair: Chirag Jain, Indian Institute of Science, India & Camille Marchet, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), France*  
*Moderator: Joanna Kelley*

13:50      14:10      Repeat-aware long read mapping algorithms  
[Chirag Jain, Indian Institute of Science, India](#)

14:10      14:30      The Tree of Life Genome Engine – generating high quality reference genome assemblies at scale  
*Kerstin Howe, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK*

14:30      14:50      Identifying and correcting repeat-calling errors in nanopore sequencing of telomeres  
*Kar-Tong Tan, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, USA*

14:50      15:10      Scalable sequence database search using Partitioned Aggregated Bloom Comb-Trees  
[Camille Marchet, Centre national de la recherche scientifique \(CNRS\), France](#)

15:10      15:30      steppingStone – A pipeline to identify chromothripsis breakpoints and trace cancer rearrangements using Euler path  
*Zemin Ning, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK*

15:30      15:50      Strobealign: ultrafast and accurate short-read alignment  
*Kristoffer Sahlin, Stockholm University, Sweden*

**15:50**      **16:20**      **Lightning talks**

16:20      17:40      Poster session I with tea break

17:20      17:35      *Briefing for Session 2 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium*

**17:40**      **19:40**      **Session 2: Functional genomics**

Introduction to the session  
*Chair: Heejung Shim, University of Melbourne, Australia & Irene Papatheodorou, European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), UK*  
*Moderator: Páll Melsted*

17:40      18:00      Alternative splicing analysis using nanopore data  
[Heejung Shim, University of Melbourne, Australia](#)

18:00      18:20      DeepRVAT - Joint modeling of rare variant genetic effects using deep learning and data-driven burden scores  
*Eva Holtkamp, Technical University of Munich, Germany*

18:20	18:40	IRIS: Big data-informed discovery of cancer immunotherapy targets arising from pre-mRNA alternative splicing <i>Yi Xing, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA</i>
18:40	19:00	Computational analysis of single cell atlases across species <a href="#">Irene Papatheodorou, European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), UK</a>
19:00	19:20	DeepRVAT - Joint modeling of rare variant genetic effects using deep learning and data-driven burden scores <i>Benoit Ballester, INSERM DR2, France</i>
19:20	19:40	Longitudinal change in alternative splicing in the MultiMuTHER project <i>Dongmeng Wang, King's College London, UK</i>

19:40 21:40 Dinner

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**Thursday, 22 September 2022**

07:30	09:00	Breakfast
09:10	09:25	Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Variant Discovery</b>
		Introduction to the session Chair: Bjarni Halldorsson, Reykjavik University, Iceland & Ryan Layer, University of Colorado, USA Moderator: Páll Melsted
09:30	09:50	Whole genome sequencing of the UK biobank <a href="#">Bjarni Halldorsson, Reykjavik University, Iceland</a>
09:50	10:10	In depth analysis of the indel mutation and recombination rates of five geographically dispersed Plasmodium falciparum parasites Marc Antoine Guery, Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), France
10:10	10:30	Efficient DNA sample contamination metric estimation using a novel variant representation and algorithm Wenham Lu, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, USA
10:30	10:50	Leveraging Populations to Interpret Structural Variants <a href="#">Ryan Layer, University of Colorado, USA</a>
10:50	11:10	Blackbird: detection and assembly of structural variants using linked-read and long-read hybrid datasets Dmitrii Meleshko, Weill Cornell Medical College, USA
11:10	11:30	Variant calling in low-copy repeats Timofey Prodanov, University of California San Diego, USA
11:30	13:00	Lunch and networking
12:40	12:55	Briefing for Session 4 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>13:00</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Single cell and spatial omics</b>
		Introduction to the session Chair: Helder Nakaya, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil & Sarah Teichmann, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK Moderator: Joanna Kelley
13:00	13:20	Assessing inflammation using spatially-resolved transcriptomics <a href="#">Helder Nakaya, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil</a>
13:20	13:40	Robust discovery and quantification of transcript isoforms from error-prone long-read RNA sequencing data Robert Wang, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA
13:40	14:00	Phiclust: a clusterability measure for single-cell transcriptomics reveals phenotypic subpopulations Stefan Semrau, Leiden University, Netherlands
14:00	14:20	Mapping tissue micro environments one cell at a time <a href="#">Sarah Teichmann, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK</a>
14:20	14:40	Identification of cell barcodes from long-read sc-RNAseq with BLAZE Yupei You, University of Melbourne, Australia
14:40	15:00	Artifacts created by batch correction methods of single cell RNA-seq data Sindri Antonsson, University of Iceland, Iceland
<b>15:00</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>Lightning talks</b>
15:30	17:00	Poster session II with afternoon tea
16:40	16:55	Briefing for Session 5 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>17:00</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Session 5: Microbial and metagenomics</b>
		Introduction to the session Chair: Daniel Wilson, University of Oxford, UK & Joanna Kelley, Washington State University, USA Moderator: Oliver Stegle
17:00	17:20	Oligopeptide-based bacterial genome-wide association studies <a href="#">Daniel Wilson, University of Oxford, UK</a>
17:20	17:40	Investigating Symbiont-Based Immunity in Anopheles Mosquitoes against Plasmodium falciparum Infection Jacqueline Waweru, ICIPE, Kenya

17:40	18:00	Emergence and patho-adaptation of epidemic <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> <i>Aaron Weimann, University of Cambridge, UK</i>
18:00	18:20	Untangling the taxonomically complex genus <i>Streptomyces</i> to improve pangenomic analyses <i>Angelika Kiepas, University of Strathclyde, UK</i>
18:20	18:40	Vertical: efficient and versatile recombination-free phylogenies <i>Ryan Wick, Monash University, Australia</i>

18:40 21:00 Dinner

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**Friday, 23 September 2022**

07:30	09:00	Breakfast
09:10	09:25	Briefing for Keynote & Session 6 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Session 6: Pan genome</b>
		Introduction to the session <i>Chair: Christina Boucher, University of Florida, USA &amp; Nicola Prezza, University of Venice, Italy</i> <i>Moderator: Oliver Stegle</i>
09:30	09:50	Building scalable indexes that can be efficiently queried <a href="#">Christina Boucher, University of Florida, USA</a>
09:50	10:10	Towards a Mouse pan-genome: maximising the potential of mouse as an animal model <i>Mohab Helmy, European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), UK</i>
10:10	10:30	Graph Gene Caller: a novel approach to bacterial gene calling and gene discovery <i>Samuel Horsfield, Imperial College London, UK</i>
10:30	10:50	Aligning sequences on pan-genome graphs: lower bounds, algorithms, and data structures <a href="#">Nicola Prezza, University of Venice, Italy</a>
10:50	11:10	Enabling variant annotation and displays across multiple human assemblies in Ensembl <i>Likhitha Surapaneni, European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), UK</i>
11:10	11:30	Assembling hundreds of diverse eukaryotic genomes from across the tree of life <i>Shane McCarthy, Wellcome Sanger Institute, UK</i>
11:30	11:45	Comfort break
<b>11:45</b>	<b>12:45</b>	<b>Keynote 2</b>
		Introduction to the session <i>Chair: Joanna Kelley, Washington State University, USA</i> <i>Moderator: Páll Melsted</i>
		Metagenomic analysis of the microbes on our planet <a href="#">Peer Bork, EMBL Heidelberg, Germany</a>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks and prize presentation</b>
		<b>Scientific Programme Committee:</b> <i>Joanna Kelley, Washington State University, USA</i> <i>Oliver Stegle, German Cancer Research Center &amp; EMBL Heidelberg, Germany</i> <i>Páll Melsted, University of Iceland, Iceland</i> <i>Nicky Mulder, University of Cape Town, South Africa</i>
13:00	14:00	Lunch & departures
13:50		Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports
14:00		Coach departures for Cambridge train station