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**IV MEETING**

**RED DE EXCELENCIA TEMÁTICA**

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**12-13 Julio 2021**

**SEVILLA**



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## Monday, 12 July

15:50 *RNA Life II: Presentation. José E. Pérez*

### SESSION 1 (Chairwoman Puri Fortes)

16:00-16:35 *José Carlos Reyes*

*Regulation of enhancers, co-expression domains and splicing efficiency by TGF $\beta$*

16:45-17:20 *E. Rovira (lab Puri Fortes)*

*U1A is a positive regulator of the expression of heterologous and cellular genes involved in cell proliferation and migration*

17:30-18:05 *Sebastián Chávez*

*Human prefoldin modulates co-transcriptional pre-mRNA splicing*

18:15-18:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION 2 (Chairman Sergi Puig)

18:45-19:20 *Olga Calvo & Araceli González-Jiménez*

*Functions and regulation of the RNAPII stalk domain*

19:30-20:05 *Carlos Fernández-Tornero*

*Transcriptional regulation and DNA lesion detection by RNA polymerase I*

## Tuesday, 13 July

### SESSION 3 (Chairman Julio Salinas)

9:00-09:15 *Rafael Catalá (lab. Julio Salinas)*

*Exploring the function of the LSM2-8 complex through the characterization of a suppressor of the lsm8 mutation*

9:15-09:35 *Eduardo Tranque (lab. Julio Salinas)*

*Differential regulation of stress responses in plants by PAT1 proteins*

09:45-10:20 *Cristina Moreno-Castro & María Duarte (lab C. Suñé)*

*Investigating the roles of TCERG1 and PRPF40B in transcription and RNA splicing*

**10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION 4 (Chairwoman Xenia Peñate)

11:00-11:35 *José E Pérez-Ortín*

*Study of the cellular component-dependent functions of Xrn1*

11:45-12:00 *Ana I. Garrido-Godino (lab F. Navarro)*

*Rpb4 as a key element between the synthesis and degradation of mRNAs*

12:00-12:20 *Francisco Navarro*

*Bud27 and RNAs: some results and many questions*

12:30-13:00. *I.P. Meeting*

**13:00-15:00 Lunch**

## SESSION 5 (Chairwoman S. Rodríguez-Navarro)

15:00-15:35 *Carme Nuño-Cabanes & Ana Tejada-Colón (lab S. Rodríguez-Navarro)*

*Mip6 participates at different steps during RNA metabolism*

15:45-16:00 *Tania Jordá (lab S. Puig)*

*The lipid composition of yeast cells modulates the response to iron deficiency mediated by the transcriptional factor Aft1*

16:00-16:20 *Antonia María Romero (lab S. Puig)*

*The yeast mRNA-binding protein Cth2 regulates gene expression at the transcriptional and post-transcriptional level in iron deficiency.*

16:30- 17:05 *Sergio Camero & José M. Pérez Cañadillas*

*NMR studies of the low complexity domain of hnRNP A1: Conformational properties and nucleic acid recognition*

17:15-18:00. *Coffee-break*

## SESSION 6 (Chair A. Jordán)

18:00-18:15 *José Fernández (lab J. de la Cruz)*

*Early role of ribosomal protein eL15 during the assembly of 60S ribosomal subunits in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae**

18:15-18:35 *Sara Martín (lab J. de la Cruz)*

*The RNA helicase Dbp7 is required for the release of the snR190 snoRNA chaperone from early pre-60S ribosomal particles in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae**

18:45-19:20 *Rosario Francisco-Velilla (lab E. Martínez-Salas)*

*Gemin5, a multifunctional RNA-binding protein involved in translation control*

19:30 *Debate sobre el estado de la Red **RNA life** y su futuro*

## ABSTRACTS

### SESSION 1

#### REGULATION OF ENHANCERS, CO-EXPRESSION DOMAINS AND SPLICING EFFICIENCY BY TGF $\beta$ .

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TGF $\beta$  cytokines have crucial roles in development, proliferation, tissue homeostasis, differentiation and immune regulation. Consequently, alterations in TGF $\beta$  signaling underlie numerous diseases, including cancer. TGF $\beta$  is one of the most potent inducers of epithelial to mesenchymal transition (EMT) in normal and oncogenic epithelial cells from different origins. EMT and its reversion (MET) are common processes during embryonic development and have attracted considerable interest due to the fact that they seem to be related to tumor cells dissemination and migration, generation of tumor circulating cells, cancer stem cells and metastasis formation. TGF $\beta$  causes a large reorganization of gene expression patterns and epigenetic information, that we are only starting to understand. In our group we are investigating how TGF $\beta$  causes these reorganization of gene expression patterns.

We have cartographed the genomic transcriptional enhancers that are regulated by TGF $\beta$  in a breast epithelial cell line. In fact, TGF $\beta$  triggers a fast and widespread increase in chromatin accessibility in about 80% of enhancers, irrespective of whether they are activated, repressed or not regulated by TGF $\beta$ . We have also shown that most TGF $\beta$ -regulated genes are located around enhancers regulated in the same way, often creating domains of several co-regulated genes that we term TGF $\beta$  regulatory domains (TRD). We are currently investigating how the 3D organization of the genome connect the enhancers with the TRDs.

We have also investigated whether regulation co-transcriptional splicing efficiency at the whole gene level is used to regulate gene expression by TGF $\beta$ . First we found that the existence of two well-differentiated strategies for co-transcriptional splicing efficiency, at the extremes of a gradient: short genes, that produces high levels of pre-mRNA display a relatively inefficient splicing while long genes with relatively low pre-mRNA levels present efficient splicing. Furthermore, we found that the TGF $\beta$  pathway regulates the general co-transcriptional splicing efficiency causing changes in mature mRNA levels. Taken together, our data indicate that co-transcriptional splicing efficiency is a gene-specific characteristic that can be regulated to control gene expression.

Finally, other members of the group are looking for chromatin factors that control gene expression changes caused by TGF $\beta$ .

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