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Probiotics: the Potential for a Live Microbicide

Satellite Symposium at 'Microbicides 2010' in Pittsburgh
Saturday, 22nd May 2010
David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Room 408
1-5 PM*

*Participants travelling from the West Coast would need to travel the previous day (Friday May 21)

Probiotics could revolutionize the field of female controlled HIV prevention. This promising new technology harnesses the capability of naturally occurring bacteria like Lactobacilli to produce antiviral compounds. Once administered to the genital tract live microbicides have the potential to function as a long-term, self-replicating delivery system and combat reproductive tract infections such as HIV.

The symposium invites scientists working across the spectrum of microbicides, including basic, translational and clinical researchers, members of federal agencies and world bodies, biotech companies, the donor community and advocates for microbicides. A distinguished panel of researchers will present up-to-date information and inspire a lively discussion of how to act together to move this promising new field forward.

Tentative agenda

Overview of the Field of Bacterial Therapeutics	Dr. Craig Cohen, University of California, San Francisco
The Influence of Vaginal Microbiota on Genital Infection	Dr. Jeanne Mrazek, University of Washington
Update on Preclinical Research	Dr. Qiang Xu, Osel Inc. Santa Clara
Update on Clinical Research	Dr. Anke Hemmerling, University of California, San Francisco
Clinical Application of Genetically Modified <i>Lactococcus lactis</i>	Dr. Lothar Steidler, ActoGeniX NV (Belgium)
Demand for and Acceptability of Probiotics	Dr. Bethany Young Holt, CAMI & University of California, Berkeley
Wrap Up	Dr. Jim Turpin, NIAID, National Institute of Health
Moderator	Dr. Renee Ridzon, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

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