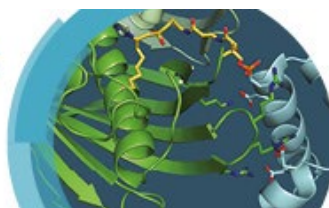


# Directing Biosynthesis VI




27-29 June 2022  
Edinburgh, UK  
and Online

**Monday 27 June 2022 (all timings are BST)**

11:00	Registration and refreshments Lunch available from 12:00 (JMCC)	
12:50	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Greg Challis <i>University of Warwick</i>	
<b>Session 1: Fungal natural products</b> Session chair: Kira Weissman		
13:00	<b>Genome Mining for Unknown Unknowns in Fungi</b> Yi Tang <i>UC Los Angeles, USA</i>	K01
13:40	<b>Structural studies of transient and higher-order interactions in polyketide synthases</b> Timm Maier <i>University of Basel, Switzerland</i>	K02
14:20	<b>Identification and characterization of bifunctional fungal terpene synthases</b> Jaclyn Winter <i>University of Utah, USA</i>	C01
14:40	<b>Flash poster presentations (even numbers)</b>	
15:10	<b>Poster session (even numbers) and refreshments (South Hall)</b>	
<b>Session 2: Peptide Biosynthesis</b> Session chair: Hajo Kries		
16:20	<b>Structures and functions of nonribosomal and non-nonribosomal peptide synthetases</b> Martin Schmeing <i>McGill University, Canada</i>	K03
17:00	<b>Structure and function of a peptide crosslinking P450 from biarylittide biosynthesis</b> Max Cryle <i>Monash University, Australia</i>	C02
17:20	<b>Iterative peptide backbone N-Methylation in borosin RiPP biosynthesis</b> Michael Freeman** <i>University of Minnesota, USA</i>	C03
17:40	<b>Investigating the mechanisms of lanthipeptide biosynthesis using structural mass spectrometry</b> Chris Thibodeaux <i>McGill University, Canada</i>	C04
18:00	<b>Poster session (all posters) and wine reception (South Hall)</b>	
19:00	Close of sessions	

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**Tuesday 28 June (all timings are BST)**

08:45	Refreshments (JMCC)	
<b>Session 3: Biosynthetic engineering I</b>		
Session chair: Sacha Pidot		
09.00	<b>Discovery and biosynthetic origin of cyclopropanol substituted toxins in human pathogenic bacteria</b> Felix Trottman <i>Leibniz Institute for Natural Product Research and Infection Biology (HKI), Germany</i>	K04
09.40	<b>Engineering of polyketide Synthase Leads to ‘low-fat’ stambomycins</b> Su Li** <i>Max-Planck-Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology, Germany</i>	C05
10.00	<b>CRISPR-Cas9 in vivo editing enables rapid engineering of a complex antibiotic assembly line</b> Wei Li Thong <i>University of Manchester, UK</i>	C06
10.20	<b>Towards new more efficient and clinically relevant lincosamide antibiotics</b> Zdenek Kamenik <i>Institute of Microbiology Czech Acad Sci, Czech Republic</i>	C07
10.40	Refreshments (South Hall) <i>Kindly sponsored by:</i>	
<b>Session 4: Unusual C-C bond forming enzymes</b>		
Session chair: Sarah Barry		
11.10	<b>New insights into cobalamin-dependent methyltransferase reactions</b> Squire Booker** <i>Pennsylvania State University, USA</i>	K05
11.50	<b>Biosynthesis of the unusual carbon skeleton of nocuolin A</b> Teresa Patricia Martins <i>CIIMAR, Portugal</i>	C08
12.10	<b>Enzymatic assembly of the salinosporamide gamma-lactam-beta-lactone anticancer warhead</b> Katherine Bauman <i>University of San Diego, USA</i>	C09
12.30	<b>Flash poster presentations (odd numbers)</b>	
13:00	Lunch (South Hall)	
	<b>Poster session (odd numbers) from 14:00</b> Session to include any online-only posters in addition to in-person	
<b>Session 5: Polyketide biosynthesis in Gram-negative bacteria</b>		
Session chair: Jeroen Dickschat		
15.00	<b>Combining organic synthesis and synthetic biology to explore and exploit polyketide biosynthesis</b> Chris Willis <i>University of Bristol, UK</i>	K06
15:40	<b>Unveiling the iterative programming of the zeamine II enzymatic assembly line</b> Sophie Dekimpe <i>KU Leuven, Belgium</i>	C10
16:00	<b>Modular <math>\alpha</math>-hydroxylation in trans-AT PKSs</b> Franziska Hemmerling <i>ETH Zürich, Switzerland</i>	C11
16.20	Refreshments (South Hall)	

Session 6: Plant natural products		
Session chair: Stefan Schulz		
16:50	<b>Biosynthetic pathways of cyclotides- ultrastable cyclic peptides from plants with applications in agriculture and medicine</b> David Craik <i>University of Queensland, Australia</i>	K07
17:30	<b>Deciphering quassinoid biosynthesis in the invasive tree of heaven (<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>)</b> Jakob Franke <i>Leibniz University Hannover, Germany</i>	C13
17:50	<b>Omics approaches to harness daphniphyllum alkaloid diversity</b> Benjamin Lichman <i>University of York, UK</i>	C14
18:10	Close of sessions	
18:30	Coaches leave for Conference Dinner	
19:00	Conference dinner – Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	

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**Wednesday 29 June (all timings are BST)**

08:45	Refreshments (JMCC)	
<b>Session 7: Discovery and biosynthesis of nitrogenous metabolites</b> Session chair: Hai Deng		
9:00	<b>NAD as a building block in natural product biosynthesis</b> Ikuro Abe <i>University of Tokyo, Japan</i>	K08
9:40	<b>TBC</b> Ren Xiang Tan** <i>Nanjing University, China</i>	K09
10:20	<b>Exploring new biocatalysts for the sphingolipid synthesis in Actinobacteria</b> Gustavo Perez-Ortiz <i>The University of Edinburgh, UK</i>	C15
10:40	<b>Pseudomonas pan-genomic analysis informs the discovery of plant pathogen inhibitors</b> Andrew Truman <i>John Innes Centre, UK</i>	C16
11:00	Refreshments (South Hall)	
<b>Session 8: Biosynthetic engineering II</b> Session chair: Dominic Campopiano		
11:30	<b>Enzymatic routes to the next generation therapeutics</b> Anna Fryszkowska <i>Merck Sharp &amp; Dohme, USA</i>	K10
12:10	<b>Simulation-guided redesign of terpene synthase product outcome</b> Marc Van der Kamp <i>University of Bristol, UK</i>	C17
12:30	<b>Enzymatic methylation in engineered biosynthetic pathways as a tool for product diversification</b> Kristina Haslinger <i>Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands</i>	C18
12:50	<b>Fatty acid synthases (FASs) enable access to new-to-nature compounds</b> Martin Grininger <i>Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany</i>	C19
13.10	Lunch (South Hall)	
13:40	<b>Round table discussions for early-career researchers</b> Informal discussions over lunch focusing on career directions, different systems, challenges and skills, with advice from scientists in academia and industry	
<b>Session 9: New frontiers</b> Session chair: Greg Challis		
14:40	<b>Biosynthesis of unusual functionalities in natural products</b> Wenjun Zhang <i>UC Berkeley, USA</i>	K11
15:20	<b>Closing remarks and presentation of poster prizes</b> Greg Challis <i>University of Warwick</i>  Kindly sponsored by: <div> Chemical Science  MarinLit  Organic &amp; Biomolecular Chemistry  Natural Product Reports</div>	
15:30	Close	

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