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Women Who are Changing Science - Driving Bold Research in Canada and Croatia 2024

Rijeka Conference Program

Date: October 9, 2024

Venue: Radmile Matejčić 2, Rijeka (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Biotechnology and Drug Development)

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 9:50 **Welcome Remarks**

Prof. Igor Štagljar, FRSC, University of Toronto and Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences, Split

Prof. Miranda Mladinić Pejatović, Dean, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Biotechnology & Drug Development

Prof. Mona Nemer, PhD, FRSC, Chief Science Advisor of Canada (Video message)

Ms. Sandra Krpan, Deputy Mayor, City of Rijeka

H.E. Jessica Blitt, Ambassador of Canada to Croatia

The Role of Inclusive Science in Building a Sustainable Future for All

9:50 – 10:20 Prof. Samantha Gruenheid, Departmental Chair & Professor, Microbiology, McGill University

10:20 – 10:50 Assoc. Prof. Vanda Juranić Lisnić, Head of Doctoral School of Biomedicine, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Medicine

10:50 – 11:10 Health Break

11:10 – 11:40 Prof. Rima Al-awar, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology and Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto; Head of Therapeutic Innovation and Drug Discovery, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research

11:40 – 12:10 Prof. Andreja Ambriović Ristov, Head of Laboratory for Cell Biology and Signalling, Ruđer Bošković Institute

12:10 – 12:40 Assoc. Prof. Rosa Karlič, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Division of Molecular Biology

12:40 – 13:40 Networking Lunch

13:40 - 14:10 Dr. Adrijana Vinter, Global Head of Drug Discovery & Board Member, Selvita

14:10 – 15:20 **Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Science**

Prof. Samantha Gruenheid, Prof. Vanda Juranić Lisnić, Prof. Rima Al-awar, Dr. Andreja Ambriović Ristov, Prof. Rosa Karlič and Dr. Adrijana Vinter

Moderator: Prof. Igor Štagljar, FRSC, University of Toronto

15:20 End of Conference