



Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar



**“Research Retreat”  
Saturday, November 6, 2010  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
The Diplomatic Club**

**Program**

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| <b>8:00 – 8:45 am</b>    | <b>Reception &amp; Breakfast</b>   |
| <b>8:45 – 9:00 am</b>    | <b>Opening Remarks: Dr. Khaled Machaca</b>   |
| <b>9:00 – 11:00 am</b>   | <b>Oral Presentations (Session I)</b>  |
| <b><u>Session IA</u></b> | <b>Moderator: Dr. Bakr Nour</b>  |
| 9:00 – 9:20 am           | <b>Dr. Laith Abu Raddad</b><br>"Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases with Particular Focus on HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases"            |
| 9:20 – 9:40 am           | <b>Dr. Amal Khidir</b><br>"Preliminary Results of Multilingual, Multicultural Survey Design"   |
| 9:40 – 10:00 am          | <b>Dr. Hassen Al-Amin</b><br>"Schizophrenia and Neurobiology of Pain"  |
| <b><u>Session IB</u></b> |  |
| 10:00 – 10:20 am         | <b>Dr. Hong Ding</b><br>"Endothelial Dysfunction in Diabetes"  |
| 10:20 – 10:40 am         | <b><i>Chouchane lab:</i></b><br><br><b>Dr. Yasser Shan</b><br>"Genomics and Proteomics of Cancer: Preventative and Predictive Medicine Implications" |
|                          | <b>Dr. Ravinder Mamtani</b><br>"Obesity in the Qatari Population: Public Health and Genomic/Proteomic Perspectives"                                  |
| 10:40 – 11:00 am         | <b><i>Machaca lab:</i></b><br><br><b>Dr. Fang Yu</b><br>"Meiosis Regulation of Store Operated Calcium Channel"                                       |



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| <b>11:00 – 3:00 pm</b>    | <b>Poster Session:</b> for details see attached list of Abstracts<br>(Lunch buffet open during that time) |
| 11:00 – 12:00 pm          | Poster Presentations: Short Term Med 2  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm           | Poster Presentations: Post Docs   |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm            | Poster Presentations: Short Term Med 1  |
| 2:00 – 3:00 pm            | Poster Presentations: Long term NPRP  |
| <b>3:00 – 5:00 pm</b>     | <b>Oral Presentations (Session II)</b>  |
| <b><u>Session IIA</u></b> | <b>Moderator: Dr. Benjamin Shykind</b>  |
| 3:00 – 3:20 pm            | <b>Dr. James Roach</b><br>"Colloid-based Wastewater Remediation Techniques"                               |
| 3:20 – 3:40 pm            | <b>Dr. Renee Richer</b><br>"Cyanotoxins and Neurodegenerative Disease: Research in Qatar"                 |
| 3:40 – 4:00 pm            | <b>Dr. Michael Pungente</b><br>"Non-viral Nucleic Acid Delivery Vectors".                                 |
| <b><u>Session IIB</u></b> |   |
| 4:00 – 4:20 pm            | <b>Dr. Benjamin Shykind</b><br>"Stochastic Gene Regulation and Cellular Diversity"                        |
| 4:20 – 4:40 pm            | <b>Dr. Arash Rafii Tabrizi</b><br>"Presentation of the Stem Cell and Microenvironment Laboratory"         |
| 4:40 – 5:00 pm            | <b>Dr. Nasrin Mesaeli</b><br>"Regulation of Vascular Development by Endoplasmic Reticulum"                |
| <b>5:00 pm</b>            | <b>Announcement of Prizes</b>   |