# **Detailed Schedule**

Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Great Hall Meeting Room, The Ohio Union

8:30 AM - 8:50 AM Registration and Coffee 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Welcome and Introductory Remarks

## Session 1

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Dr. John Hofferberth

Associate Professor of Chemistry at Kenyon College; Gambier, OH

As a faculty member in the chemistry department of a liberal arts college, Dr. Hofferberth's primary role is teaching undergraduates chemistry. In addition, he leads a research group composed of undergraduate students. Research topics range from synthetic organic methodology development to the characterization binding proteins using molecular probes that they design and prepare. Finally, he plays a role in a number of activities in the service of the Chemistry Department and the college. Examples of such service activities include his role as the director of Kenyon's Math and Science Skills Center and membership on the Health Professions Advisory Committee.

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

#### Dr. John J. Okuley

Intellectual Property Attorney, Okuley Smith L.L.C.; Columbus, OH

Prior to entering the practice of law, John worked as a scientist and teacher. Dr. Okuley is currently a patent attorney at his own firm in Columbus, Okuley Smith, LLC. John originally expected to pursue a career in academic or industrial plant biotechnology. After receiving his Ph.D. from the Dept. of Molecular Genetics at OSU, he was a Post-doctoral Researcher at Washington State University and the USDA Forest Service, where his research included work with cell signaling, biochemistry, and transgenics. While on the faculty at WSU he isolated and characterized the FAD2 gene, important in plant oil seed metabolism. After family matters brought him back to Ohio, Dr. Okuley was a college professor for six years, teaching cell biology, plant physiology, genetics, and biotechnology at liberal arts colleges in Central Ohio, including Denison and the University of Dayton. During this time, a dispute arose over ownership of the FAD2 gene Dr. Okuley had characterized. In his thirties, John entered law school, and for the last ten years Dr. Okuley has worked as a patent attorney and litigator, counseling clients in a variety of intellectual property matters. He is the author of more than a dozen publications and has been

listed as an inventor on several patent applications and patents. Read more at <u>okuleysmith.com</u>

### 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

#### Dr. John Polikandriotis

Director of Orthopedics, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; Atlanta, GA

CHOA is one of the largest pediatric systems in the country. In partnership with orthopedic physician leaders, Dr. Polikandriotis oversees all aspects of the orthopedic service line, including 12 sports medicine physical therapy clinics, 3 orthopedic private practices, 6 urgent care facilities, and 3 main hospitals. He provides overall direction, strategy, and continuous quality and performance initiatives to drive growth while ensuring the highest patient care standards.

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM Lunch\*, Great Hall

### Session 2

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

#### Dr. Andrea Keane-Meyers

Director of Vaccine Research at the Biological Defense Research Directorate/Naval Medical Research Center; Washington, D.C.

Dr. Keane-Myers is the Head of Vaccines and Medical Countermeasures for the Biological Defense Research Directorate at the Naval Medical Research Center. Her research involves the development of vaccines and treatments against Class A&B Pathogens, particularly those with potential bio-terrorism potential. Platforms for these vaccines include the development of novel vaccine adjuvants, DNA vaccines, sub-unit vaccines and vaccines with needle-free administration routes

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

#### Dr. Adam Yakovich

Medical Science Liason, Onyx Pharmaceuticals; Columbus, OH

Dr. Yakovich, a recent graduate from the OSU College of Pharmacy and post-doctoral fellow at Nationwide Children's Hospital, joined the medical and scientific affairs department at Onyx Pharmaceuticals as a medical liaison in September of 2011. In his present capacity, Dr. Yakovich is field based and responsible for supporting key aspects of medical/clinical development within the proteasome inhibitor franchise for the Great Lakes region; including, translational research, the development, review, implementation, and oversight of Ph I/II investigator sponsored research, and providing medical support for corporate sponsored Ph III studies. Additional key responsibilities include: building collaborative scientific relationships with key thought leaders and academic centers, responding to unsolicited and off-label information requests, providing training and medical support to internal cross-functional groups and external collaborators, supporting medical information booths and providing high-level summaries from key conferences/congresses/cooperative groups, representing Onyx at patient support groups, and supporting the development of pipeline compounds.

#### 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

#### Dr. Kapila Ratnam

#### Senior Associate, NewSpring Capital; Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Ratnam is a Senior Associate of NewSpring Capital having joined the firm in 2007. She has extensive experience in drug discovery and enabling life science technologies. Dr. Ratnam also has expertise in clinical drug development and Food and Drug Administration regulations. Her therapeutic domain knowledge, which spans oncology, anti-infective and metabolic diseases, was gained at large pharmaceutical companies and contract organizations. Dr. Ratnam has successfully worked with early-stage biotechnology companies to develop strategies to expand the utility of their platform technologies and seek new sources of funding. She has a Ph.D. from the Ohio State University and completed her postdoctoral training at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Ratnam also has an MBA from Columbia University.

#### 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

#### **Dr. Christina Sherry**

#### Senior Scientist, Pediatrics R&D, Abbott Nutrition; Columbus, OH

Dr. Sherry is a senior scientist working in the area of prenatal and pregnancy nutrition with a focus on nutritional early programming of later health outcomes. She is responsible for product support and innovation of Similac Mom, clinical studies involving breastfeeding and pregnancy, supporting innovations around early programming for the Similac brand as well as presentations to both academic and industry partners. Additional responsibilities in interdisciplinary teams include product claim substantiation, new product development and patent development. Dr. Sherry also serves as an advisor to the Young Professional Interest Group of the American Society for Nutrition and mentors several student interns from the University of Illinois. She has received her undergraduate degree in dietetics from Bluffton University, Bluffton OH and her PhD in Nutritional Science from The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has published in the area of nutritional regulation of the immune system. Prior to joining Abbott, Christina was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Michigan.

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Happy Hour at Woody's Tavern, The Ohio Union

\*Lunch provided for registrants only