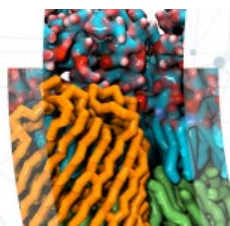


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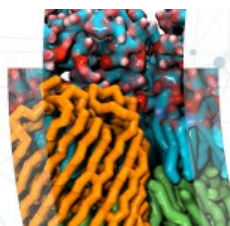
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### Wednesday 23 April 2025

11:30	Registration with lunch served from 11:45
12:45	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <i>Chair of Scientific Committee</i>
12:55	<b>Outline of Discussion format</b> <i>Royal Society of Chemistry Publishing Editors</i>
13:00	<b>Introductory Lecture – Spiers Memorial Lecture</b> (Session chair: Georg Pabst) Gerald W. Feigenson <i>Cornell University, USA</i>
	<b>Session 1: Plasma membrane asymmetry and lipid homeostasis</b> (Session chair: Georg Pabst)
14:00	<b>Effect of a scramblase activator upon scrambling and membrane domain formation in HEK293T cells</b> Erwin London <i>Stony Brook University, USA</i>
14:05	<b>Immune cell activation produces locally scrambled foci of plasma membrane lipids</b> Kandice Levental <i>Virginia University, USA</i>
14:10	<b>Nonequilibrium asymmetry in the living cell membrane</b> Madan Rao <i>National Centre for Biological Sciences, India</i>
14:15	Discussion
15:30	Refreshments
	<b>Session 2: Engineering plasma membrane mimics</b> (Session chair: Karin Riske)
16:00	<b>Asymmetric phase transitions in lipid bilayers: Coupling or bending?</b> Heiko Heerklotz <i>University of Freiburg, Germany</i>
16:05	<b>Melting point matters: Designing lipid nanocarriers for improved T cell activation</b> Neha Kamat <i>Northwestern University, USA</i>
16:10	<b>Fabrication and characterization of phosphoinositide containing asymmetric vesicles in physiological salt conditions</b> Arne Gericke <i>Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA</i>
16:15	<b>Engineering of lipid membranes asymmetrically functionalized with chondroitin sulfate</b> Francisco Barrera <i>University of Tennessee, USA</i>
16:20	Discussion
18:00	Lightning presentations – (by invitation of the Scientific Committee)
18:15	Poster session and drinks reception
19:45	Close

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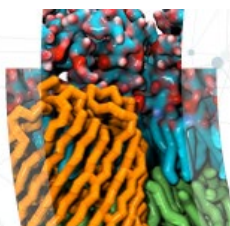
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	<b>Session 3: Structure and dynamics of asymmetric membranes</b> (Session chair: Syma Khalid)
09:00	<b>The interplay of composition and mechanics in the thermodynamics of asymmetric ternary lipid membranes</b> Markus Deserno <i>Carnegie Mellon University, USA</i>
09:05	<b>The many faces of membrane tension for biomembranes and vesicles</b> Reinhard Lipowsky <i>Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Germany</i>
09:10	<b>Interaction of lipid domains originating from differential domain-monolayer contact energy</b> Michael Kozlov <i>Tel Aviv University, Israel</i>
09:15	Discussion
10:30	Refreshments
	<b>Session 3 continued: Structure and dynamics of asymmetric membranes</b> (Session chair: Rumiana Dimova)
11:00	<b>Characterization of lipid chain order and dynamics in asymmetric membranes by solid-state NMR spectroscopy</b> Daniel Huster <i>University of Leipzig, Germany</i>
11:05	<b>Exploring the sensitivities of experimental techniques to various types of membrane asymmetry using atomistic simulations</b> Milka Doktorova <i>University of Virginia School of Medicine, USA</i>
11:10	<b>Measuring the mechanical properties of asymmetric membranes in computer simulations - new methods and insights</b> Oded Farago <i>Ben Gurion University, Israel</i>
11:15	Discussion
12:30	Lunch
	<b>Session 3 continued: Structure and dynamics of asymmetric membranes</b> (Session chair: Syma Khalid)
13:45	<b>Membrane potential fluctuations and water asymmetry on plasma cell and model lipid membranes: origins, implications and properties</b> Sylvie Roke <i>EPFL, Switzerland</i>
13:50	<b>Using phase-resolved vibrational sum-frequency imaging to probe the impact of head-group functionality on the hierarchical domain structure in lipid membranes</b> Alexander Fellows <i>Fritz Haber Institut, Germany</i>
13:55	<b>Phosphatidylserine affinity for and flip-flop dependence on Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions</b> John Conboy <i>University of Utah, USA</i>
14:00	Discussion
15:15	Refreshments

	<b>Session 3 continued:</b> (Session chair: Rumiana Dimova)
15:45	<b>Fusion of asymmetric membranes: The emergence of a preferred direction</b> Gonen Golani <i>Haifa University, Israel</i>
15:50	<b>Elucidating the mechanical properties of asymmetric membranes by direct derivation of their energetics</b> Giacomo Fiorin <i>National Institutes of Health, USA</i>
15:55	<b>The influence of higher order geometric terms on the asymmetry and dynamics of membranes</b> Axel Voigt <i>TU Dresden, Germany</i>
16:00	Discussion
17:15	Close of session
18:45	Pre dinner drinks
19:15	Conference dinner – Library, Burlington House

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**Friday 25 April 2025**

	<b>Session 4: Proteins in asymmetric membranes</b> (Session chair: Raya Sorkin)
09:30	<b>Lipid-GPCR interactions in an asymmetric plasma membrane model</b> Edward Lyman <i>University of Delaware, USA</i>
09:35	<b>Does plasma membrane transbilayer asymmetry coupled to lipid nanodomains drive fast kinetics of FGF2 membrane translocation into the extracellular space?</b> Fabio Lolicato, Manpreet Kaur <i>Heidelberg University, Germany</i>
09:40	Discussion
10:30	Refreshments
	<b>Session 4 continued: Proteins in asymmetric membranes</b> (Session chair: John Seddon)
11:00	<b>Protein-induced membrane asymmetry modulates OMP folding kinetics and stability</b> Jonathan Machin, Sheena E. Radford <i>University of Leeds, UK</i>
11:05	<b>Asymmetric membrane properties through a protein lens</b> Joseph Lorent <i>UCLouvain, Belgium</i>
11:10	Discussion
12:00	<b>Concluding remarks lecture</b> (Session chair: John Seddon) Felix Goni <i>University of Basque Countries, Spain</i>
12:30	<b>Acknowledgements and presentation of poster prizes</b>
12:45	<b>Close of meeting and lunch</b>

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