

# Montana Biofilm S&T Meeting FINAL AGENDA: February 7-8, 2012

# **■**Center for Biofilm Engineering

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# Monday February 6

6:00–8:30 p.m. Pre-registration and welcome reception

Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman

# Tuesday February 7

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

Hilton Garden Inn-Larkspur Foyer

8:00-8:10 Introductory remarks

Larkspur Ballroom
Tom McCoy, Vice President,
Research, Creativity, &
Technology Transfer, MSU
Paul Sturman, CBE Industrial
Coordinator
Harsh Trivedi, IA Chair,
Colgate-Palmolive
Phil Stewart, CBE Director

### SESSION 1: Oral Biofilms

8:10-8:20 Session introduction

> Garth James, CBE Medical Projects Manager; Associate Research Professor, Chemical & Biological Engineering, MSU

8:20-8:50 Antimicrobial penetration and efficacy in an in vitro oral biofilm model

Phil Stewart

8:50-9:20 Biofilms in dental unit waterlines

Alessandra Agostinho, DDS, CBE Research Scientist

9:20–9:50 The drip-flow reactor as a test system for oral care products Garth James

9:50-10:20 Break

10:20-10:50

Investigations into mobile genetic elements and horizontal gene transfer within oral biofilms

Adam Roberts, Lecturer, Microbial Diseases, UCL Eastman Dental Institute, London

## SESSION 2: Thermal Biofilms

10:50-11:00 Session introduction

Brent Peyton, Professor, Chemical & Biological Engineering, CBE; Associate Director, Thermal Biology Institute, MSU

11:00-11:30

Transport and microbial consumption of oxygen in acidic geothermal iron-oxide mats

Hans Bernstein, PhD student, Chemical & Biological Engineering, CBE

11:30–12:00 Extremophilic fungi for sustainable energy

Rich Macur, Research Assistant
Professor, Chemical & Biological
Engineering, CBE
Mark Kozubal, Postdoctoral
Researcher, Thermal Biology
Institute, MSU

12:00-1:00 Catered lunch—Hilton Garden Inn

# SESSION 3: Industrial Biofilms

1:00–1:10 Session introduction Paul Sturman

1:10-1:45

Innovative use of biofilms in water and wastewater treatment

Zbigniew Lewandowski, Professor, Civil Engineering, CBE

1:45–2:15
Metabolic cooperation in methanogenic biofilms: Cellular biomass or cellular energy

Kristen Brileya, PhD student, Microbiology, CBE

### **Special Presentation**

2:15–2:40 Highlights from recent European biofilm meetings Phil Stewart

# Poster session, laboratory open house, and live video presentation

3:20–5:20 Lab open house and poster session CBE Laboratories, 3rd Floor EPS

Building

3:30–4:00
Live video presentation
Location: 1st Floor EPS 126 & 127
Analytical challenges of
microbial biofilms on medical
devices
K. Scott Phillips, Regulatory

Research Scientist, US FDA

# Wednesday February 8

7:30–8:00 a.m.
Registration and continental breakfast
Hilton Garden Inn—Larkspur Foyer

# SESSION 4: Green Biofilm Control Strategies

8:00–8:05 Session introduction Phil Stewart

8:05-8:50 Biofilm shielding: The role of quorum sensing, rhamnolipids, and eDNA

Michael Givskov, Professor, International Health, Immunology, & Microbiology, University of Copenhagen; Professor, Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering

### 8:50-9:20 Bioinspired topographies for bacterial inhibition strategy

Rhea May, Microbial Research Associate, Sharklet Technologies, Inc.

#### 9:20-9:50

Microbe-microbe interactions and application to MBR flux enhancement

Jonathan Leder, Technical Director, Novozymes Biologicals, Inc.

### 9:50-10:20 Break

## SESSION 5: Biofilms and Host Responses

10:20-10:30 Session introduction Garth James

#### 10:30-11:00

Considering the host immune response for vaccine development against *Staphylococcus aureus* biofilms

Mark Shirtliff, Associate Professor, Microbial Pathogenesis, Dental School, University of Maryland, Baltimore

### 11:00-11:30

Application of the nematode Caenorhabditis elegans as a model for multi-kingdom biofilm interactions of Staphylococcus epidermidus and Candida albicans

Birthe Venø Kjellerup, Assistant Professor, Microbiology, Goucher College, Baltimore

### 11:30-12:00

Animal models useful for efficacy screening of antimicrobial and anti-biofilm drugs and coatings

Paul Attar, President, BRIDGE Preclinical Testing Services

12:00-12:10 Meeting Wrap-up

See you at the **NEXT MEETING: July 17–19, 2012**