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Beyond the Genome -

Understanding epigenetic control in human disease

Introducing Jack Greenblatt

Monday, 16 August, 08:30 - 10:00

Plenary: The Genome and Beyond

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Dr. Jack Greenblatt is a University Professor and an Anne and Max Tanenbaum Professor of Molecular Medicine in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research and the Department of Molecular Genetics at the University of Toronto. His research laboratory is located in the new Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research. He was also a co-founder of the Toronto biotechnology company Affinium Pharmaceuticals. He received his BSc in Physics from McGill University, his PhD in Biophysics from Harvard University and his post-doctoral training at the University of Geneva and the Pasteur Institute in Paris. For most of his research career, Professor Greenblatt has focused on mechanisms that control elongation and termination by bacterial RNA polymerase as well as on mechanisms that control initiation, elongation and termination by yeast and human RNA polymerase II. As well, Professor Greenblatt has employed modern proteomic technologies to explore protein-protein interactions on a whole genome scale for the bacterium *E. coli* and the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, in the latter case also making use of synthetic genetic arrays to organize yeast protein complexes into biological pathways. The protein interaction technology he has helped develop is now being applied to the laboratory mouse in order to identify genes and proteins involved in human disease.



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