

RdRp Summit

Newsletter #5



Please see below some updates and information regarding the upcoming summit.

Registration will remain open until May 22, all the way up until the conference begins. We still have a very small number of in-person places remaining. If you wish to attend, please sign up [here](#) ASAP to reserve your spot.

Frontiers in Virology – special issue

We would like to express our gratitude to [Frontiers in Virology](#) for their sponsorship of our conference. Apart from financial support that helps us realise the summit, the journal will be hosting a special issue with the proceedings of the RdRp Summit. The journal editorial has generously vouched to waive several associated publishing charges (APCs) for a few selected manuscripts. For this special issue, Professors Nakagawa, Babaian, and Roux will be acting topic editors, with other members of the organising committee as topic coordinators. We greatly appreciate the journal's commitment to advancing this growing field inside RNA virology, and we look forward to a productive partnership with them in the future.

Abstract selection

Speakers for the RdRp Summit have now been selected and notified. Many thanks for everyone who submitted an abstract!

We still strongly encourage all attendees to submit a data slide and/or 5 minute video brief on any relevant topic. You do not need to have submitted an abstract – all attendees are eligible! All submitted materials will be automatically accepted and hosted on our website at rdrp.io/info-slides.

Guidelines for the data slides and video briefs are detailed at the end of this newsletter.

Call for scribes

The discussion sessions are sure to be jam-packed with information and ideas. To ensure nothing is missed, we invite volunteers for note-taking responsibilities. All note-takers will receive an RdRp Summit merch item as a token of appreciation for their efforts. Please send us an expression of interest at rdrp.summit@gmail.com!

Payment is now open

The pricing is detailed below. Fees can be paid at rdrp.io/payment via Stripe. The deadline for registration payment is **COB (EST) Monday, May 15th**. Please email us at rdrp.summit@gmail.com if you experience any issues during the payment process.

Registration fees are used to realise the conference. However, to maximise accessibility, we are offering a fee waiver for participants from the Global South and those in economic need. To request a waiver, please complete [this form](#).

Position	Price	Early bird (closed March 25)
In-person PI	\$375 USD	\$300 USD
Remote PI	\$190 USD	\$150 USD
In-person Industry	\$625 USD	\$500 USD
Remote Industry	\$315 USD	\$250 USD
In-person Post-doc	\$100 USD	\$80 USD
Remote Post-doc	\$50 USD	\$40 USD
In-person Student	\$0 !!!	\$0 !!!
Remote Student	\$50 USD	\$40 USD

Timetable for the Summit

A full program including presentation details will be sent out one week before the Summit. A brief timetable is attached below.

Day	Session	Session topic	Start time
Monday, May 22nd		Opening remarks	09:00
		Keynote presentation	09:30
	Session 1	Cookie break	10:00
		Speed-dating with the red flags of RNA virus interoperability pt. 1	10:30
		Lunch	12:30
		Speed-dating with the red flags of RNA virus interoperability pt. 2	13:30
		Cookie break	15:45
	Session 2	Fundamentals of RNA virus operability	16:15
		End Day One	19:00
	Tuesday, May 23rd	Session 3	Structure-based methodology for divergent virus discovery
		Cookie break	11:15
Session 4		RNA virus categorization and data centralization	11:30
		Lunch	13:30
		Consensus forming	14:30
Session 5		Cookie break	16:30
		Future obstacle charting	17:00
		Roadmap for future work, announcements of prize laureates, send off	18:45
	End Day Two	19:10	

Data slides and video briefs

Prizes to be claimed for best info slide and best video brief!

There will be very limited time allotted to speakers during this workshop as we want to maximise the time for discussion. Instead, to share your ideas, opinions, new tools and research, we strongly encourage all participants to submit a data slide or video brief. Or both! Please see an example data slide [here](#). Video briefs should be **3-5 minutes** long. They may be a recorded presentation of your RdRp-related research, a simple voiceover expanding on the content of your data slide, or somewhere in the middle. Please send us your slides and videos at rdrp.summit@gmail.com.

Submitted data slides and video briefs will be available to peruse on our website at rdrp.io/info-slides until the summit. If your materials contain unpublished/confidential data or you do not wish for them to be publicly available for any reason, please let us know with your submission. Data slides will be compiled and sent to participants one week before the summit. Our hope is that attendees can get acquainted and educated with the topics ahead of time, and that this collection of slides and videos will form the basis for the discussion happening at the workshop.

No abstract is required to submit a data slide or video brief - we welcome all attendees to have their say!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks!

The RdRp Summit Organising committee



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Post-doc opportunity!

Computational Virologist • University of Toronto

<https://jobrxiv.org/job/university-of-toronto-27778-computational-biologist-virology-postdoc-ra/>

The Laboratory for RNA-based Lifeforms (Babaian Lab) at the University of Toronto is seeking a passionate computational virologist (strong background in either biology/virology OR bioinformatics). You will join the Serratus Consortium to develop the state of the art for the detection and sequence analysis of RNA viruses and virus-like agents. Building upon the first release of the Serratus project (www.serratus.io) we will explore the far limits of Earth's Virome. Briefly, we developed an open-source AWS-cloud backed computing architecture to analyze 5.7 million sequencing datasets (10.2 petabases) and discover >130,000 novel RNA viruses... in only 11 days.