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**Clearwater Beach, Florida**

July 15, 2017  
From: AARS2017.com  
To: Worldwide AARS Scientists and Afficionados

**Re: July Message for Our Incoming AARS2017 Meeting**

Dear Colleagues,

We are now a little more than three months away from the start of Clearwater AARS meeting. The pace of registrations and abstract submissions is increasing, and the scientific program is beginning to come together.

We are also in midst of a campaign to recruit scientists to the meeting who work in the area, but might not have attended in the past. If you want your abstract to be considered for oral presentation, make sure that you register and submit your abstract by July 27<sup>th</sup>. (The website has been modified so that you will be need to indicate your presentation format and the session you think is most appropriate for the work.)

Abstracts can still be submitted after all July 27<sup>th</sup>, but will have to be presented as posters. Note that early registration will end August 31<sup>st</sup>; after that date the registration price will increase for both PI's and students. The appropriate direct links are for registration, abstract submission, and hotel can be found at:

**Registration:** <http://www.regonline.com/aars2017>

**Abstract submission** is: <http://www.aars2017.com/abstract-registration/>

**Hotel:** <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1609079702&key=1F32E9D1>

This year's Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetase meeting features the participation of five outstanding keynote speakers to put into context significant developments in the field. Our Keynotes include:

- **Paul Schimmel** and **Dieter Söll**, two longstanding leaders in tRNA and AARS research;
- **Susan Ackerman**, an HHMI investigator who has exploited the mouse model to uncover new insights into neurodegenerative disease;



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- **Alanna Scheparz**, an internationally known expert in chemical biology/bio-engineering who also the Editor-in-Chief of Biochemistry; and
- **Michael Shy, M.D.** a distinguished clinician with longstanding in diagnosing and treating patients with AARS-related neurological diseases.

In addition to our Keynote Speakers, we have a strong roster of 16 other invited speakers who have made key contributions to the field. We are also reaching to scientists who have made recent and unexpected discoveries regarding tRNA synthetases; these promise to be important highlights for the meeting.

We would also like to take a moment to express our excitement about holding the meeting in **Clearwater Beach, Florida** which has one of finest beaches in the state. Although we have decided not a have scheduled excursion for all conferees, there will be a free afternoon to relax at the pool or stroll the beach, or visit some of the nearby attractions. These include the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, and the Dali Museum (<http://thedali.org>), which contains many great works from one of the acknowledged masters of surrealism. If you are traveling a long way, and want to shake off some of that jet lag, you may want to consider coming a day early, to better enjoy the pleasures of our wonderful venue.

Thanks for listening, and do contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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