

Gordon Research Conference: Signaling by Adhesion Receptors

June 27 – July 4, 2008
South Hadley, MA, USA

The Gordon Research Conference: Signaling by Adhesion Receptors was held in the beautiful campus of Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts. The conference concentrated on adhesion receptors and countless signaling events related to them. The topics concerned e.g. focal adhesions, cadherins, cellular development etc. The main conference event was preceded by graduate research seminar in which participating graduate students had a forum for the presentation and exchange of new ideas. This event was a good way for students to create scientific atmosphere and to make contacts with each other.

The actual conference (June 29 – July 4) consisted of daily poster sessions, several hours of scientific sessions and myriads of meals. The schedule was very compact and there was only little spare time. It was really interesting to follow the presentations of the best researchers in the field. The quality of the presentations was good and the amount of information was bewildering. The atmosphere of the conference was inspiring but casual at the same time – the attendees and the presenters could scientifically interact in a unique, relaxed way. I presented my poster in the first poster session and got good reception.

Altogether, I gained few pounds, got many new friends and lots of experience. The conference was excellent and I can recommend a Gordon Research Conference to everyone.

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