



MEETING AGENDA

Gastronauts Leadership Summit

February 23-25, 2025

The Banbury Center, Lloyd Harbor, New York

This meeting was organized by:

Diego Bohórquez, Duke University

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Afternoon Arrivals and check-in at Robertson House

6:00 pm Reception, Robertson House

7:00 pm Welcoming Remarks, Robertson House
Diego Bohórquez, Duke University
Bruce Stillman, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

7:15 am Breakfast

8:30 am Welcome & Logistics
Rebecca Leshan, Banbury Center

8:40 am **SESSION 1: Designing Your Success as a Scientist**

Chairpersons: Ruth Gotian and Maya Kaelberer

Ruth Gotian, Weill Cornell Medicine

Research Presentations

Natale Sciolino, University of Connecticut

Meg Younger, Boston University

“Success Jenga” Activity and Reflection



- 11:00 am** **SESSION 2: Decoding Study Section**
Chairpersons: Semir Beyaz, Diego Bohórquez, and Maya Kaelberer
Diego Bohórquez, Duke University
“Mock NIH Study Section” Activity
Specific Aims Presentations
Marissa Scavuzzo, Case Western University
Rocío Servín, Scripps Research
Alan de Araujo, Monell Chemical Senses Center
Group Discussion
- 12:45 pm** Luncheon
- 3:00 pm** **SESSION 3: The Gut-Brain Paradigm Shift**
Chairpersons: Michael D. Gershon, Semir Beyaz
Michael D. Gershon, Columbia University
“Creating a Mural of the Future” Activity
Chalk Talk Presentations
David Hildebrand, Rockefeller University
Kristen Smith-Edwards, Mayo Clinic
Marcelo Zimmer, Yale University
Group Discussion
- 5:00 pm** **Day One Summary, Preview of Day Two**
- 6:00 pm** Reception and dinner

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

- 7:15 am** Breakfast
- 8:30 am** **SESSION 4: Launching a Biotech Startup**
Chairpersons: Nancy Allbritton and Semir Beyaz
Nancy Allbritton, University of Washington
Business Ideas Presentations
Ian Williamson, North Carolina State University
Carlotta Ronda, University of California, Berkeley
Yuuki Obata, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
“Perfect Pitch” Activity



11:00 am SESSION 5: A Global Perspective on Socially Responsible Science

Chairpersons: Luis Eduardo Luna and Diego Bohórquez

Luis Eduardo Luna, Wasiwaska Research Center, Brazil

“Art as a Bridge to Sustainable Science and Medicinal Discovery” Activity

12:30 pm Closing Remarks and Overall Reflections

12:45 pm Luncheon; Participant Departures

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