

August 2024 Uromicrobiota Research Interest Group

Summary of 8/21/2024 URIG Leadership Meeting

Kris Penniston and Mariana Coughlin (from the CAIRIBU Interactions Core) met with Michael Neugent and Nicole De Nisco (UT Dallas and CAIRIBU U-RIG) about their vision for 2024-2025 URIG activities

Michael and Nicole proposed to continue knowledge sharing on a monthly basis but also to build in time for the occasional larger discussion. **For example, they propose making the December 13th event a “debrief” from the CAIRIBU meeting**, i.e., to follow any discussion that ensues there. Kris suggested building time to discuss the outputs of the CAIRIBU Collaborative Summit as well as the U-RIG mind map created in 2021 (how to improve, how it can be used (in grant applications?).

They propose a monthly series beginning on Sept 27th and ending in May 2025. **They have dates and will send to Mariana to check for any conflicts.** Barring none, she will send out a calendar invite for the series.

They propose that the format for the knowledge sharing events be a 25-30 min presentation by a lead/established investigator followed by a 15-min presentation by a trainee, such as a postdoc. They have a list of names of investigators who have not previously presented. This includes:

Linda Brubaker
Katie Patras
Emily Coffey
Megan Behringer
Jonathan Barasch
Anne-Catrin Uhlemann
Kymora Scotland
Anne-Catrin Uhleman
Ashley Earl

Kris suggested to consider:

- **Jody Lulich, PhD, DVM**, established investigator at University of Minnesota and director of the Minnesota Urolith Center. He studies kidney stones and is a mentor to Emily Coffey.
- **David Tzou, MD**, early-career urologist at University of Arizona trying to build a research presence in the area of microbiome and stones
- **Aaron Miller, PhD** at Cleveland Clinic (he may not have presented in a while).

Michael will draft emails to be sent by CAIRIBU Interactions Core.

- One will be directed at PIs within the URIG community to encourage them to schedule their trainees to deliver presentations.
- The other will be to solicit presentations from the above list.

The September 27th meeting is to include a talk by Nicole De Nisco followed by a discussion on building a collaborative environment in urobiome research.

Kris confirmed that there is scheduled breakout time at the annual CAIRIBU meeting for urobiome discussion.