

# ISTRY Conference | 2015

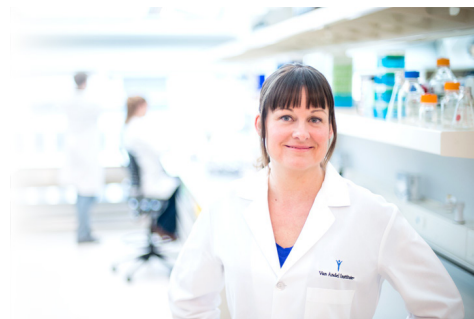
September 16-18 | Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA



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Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to invite you to Grand Rapids, Mich. in September 2015 for the 14<sup>th</sup> ISTRY Conference! The conference will be held at Van Andel Research Institute (VARI), which is situated in the heart of the city's Medical Mile, and which includes Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, several acclaimed hospitals, and other research and education centers. The 14<sup>th</sup> ISTRY Conference will be a venue for intellectual exchange and scientific collaboration among scientists in different research fields and scientific disciplines interested in chemical, biological and medical aspects of tryptophan metabolism.



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In addition to the conference, there is plenty to do in West Michigan. Grand Rapids lies about 40 minutes from the white sand beaches of Lake Michigan. The city also is known for its great beer, produced by local breweries, as well as cuisine made from locally sourced ingredients. Grand Rapids is home to a thriving arts community and is host to ArtPrize, one of the world's largest art competitions, in addition to numerous museums and the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.



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The international scientific organizing committee is currently planning the conference and invites you to submit ideas for the keynote lecture and seminars. Please submit all suggestions to [lena.brundin@hc.msu.edu](mailto:lena.brundin@hc.msu.edu) by November 15 for review by the scientific committee.

As the date gets closer, we will provide additional programming information along with details on how to register. We hope to see you next September!

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## About the ISTRY Conference

For more than 40 years, the ISTRY committee has organized international meetings every third year in order to highlight key scientific information on the chemical and biological aspects of tryptophan research.

The first of those meetings was held in Padua in 1974 and since then, a significant number of scientists with completely different backgrounds (including chemists, anatomists, molecular biologists, immunologists, embryologists, neuroscientists, psychiatrists and oncologists) have presented and discussed their data on the roles of tryptophan and its metabolites in animal and human physiology and pathology.

Past meetings have been held in Australia, Japan, the USA and Europe. The 14<sup>th</sup> ISTRY Conference will take place on September 16–18, 2015, at Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and will include keynote lectures, seminars, a poster session and a social program.

You can find updated information about the conference at [www.istry.org](http://www.istry.org). More information will follow with details on registration, abstract submission and the program.

## International Scientific Organizing Committee

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## Call for lectures and seminar topics

Please e-mail your topic suggestions for keynote lectures, talks and seminars to Dr. Lena Brundin at [lana.brundin@hc.msu.edu](mailto:lana.brundin@hc.msu.edu) before November 15, 2014. The ISTRY scientific organizing committee will then choose from the submissions.