



**Conference on
Introductory Physics
for the
Life Sciences**

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Friday, March 14

noon–4:00 p.m.	Registration and Poster Set Up
3:00–4:00 p.m.	Reception in poster area, Capital View Ballroom Foyer
4:00 p.m.	Welcoming Remarks and Introductions, Potomac Ballroom Beth Cunningham, <i>AAPT Executive Officer</i> Bob Hilborn, <i>AAPT Associate Executive Officer</i>
4:15–6:25 p.m.	Plenary I: The View from Biology, Chemistry, and Medicine Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Bob Hilborn
4:15–4:45 p.m.	A new biology education for the 21st century Susan Rundell Singer, <i>Division of Undergraduate Education, National Science Foundation</i>
4:45–5:15 p.m.	Developing a learning progression for understanding energy changes at the atomic–molecular level Melanie M. Cooper and Nicole M. Becker, <i>Department of Chemistry, Michigan State University</i>
5:15–5:25 p.m.	Short Break
5:25–5:55 p.m.	An overview of the new MCAT[®] exam Marc Kroopnick, <i>Association of American Medical Colleges</i>
5:55–6:25 pm	Daunting challenges and golden opportunities for teaching physics to biology students Todd J. Cooke, <i>Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics, University of Maryland</i>
6:30–7:30 p.m.	Dinner, Capital Ballroom
7:30–8:30 p.m.	Plenary II: Case Studies from the Pedagogical Interface between Biology and Physics Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Catherine Crouch
7:30–8:00 p.m.	IPLS Reform: still plenty of questions Dawn Meredith, <i>Department of Physics, University of New Hampshire</i>
8:00–8:30 p.m.	NEXUS/Physics: an interdisciplinary repurposing of physics for life science students Edward F. Redish, <i>Department of Physics, University of Maryland</i>
8:30–9:30 p.m.	Posters, Capital View Ballroom Foyer

Saturday, March 15

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Plenary III: Laboratories for Introductory Physics for the Life Sciences Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Paul Gueye
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Overview of IPLS labs: where are we now and where should we be going? Nancy Beverly, <i>Department of Physics, Mercy College</i>
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Designing and implementing a sustainable laboratory as a coherent part of an IPLS course Ken Heller, <i>School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Minnesota</i>
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Working Groups Session I: Course Transformation and Learning Goals At the end of my physics course, a biology student should be able to... Michelle Smith, <i>School of Biology and Ecology, Maine Center for Research in STEM Education, University of Maine</i>
10:15-10:45 a.m.	Break in Poster Area
10:45-11:45 a.m.	Plenary IV: Case Studies of IPLS Courses Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Patricia Soto
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Reforming physics for the life sciences at the University of Michigan Tim McKay, <i>Department of Physics, University of Michigan</i>
11:15-11:45 a.m.	Physics of medicine – my field of dreams Nancy L. Donaldson, <i>Department of Physics, Rockhurst University</i>
11:45-12:30 p.m.	Working Groups II: Defining Strategies and Resources for IPLS Course Transformation
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch , Capital Ballroom
1:30-2:45 p.m.	Plenary Panel I: More Views from Biology Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Mark Reeves

Saturday, March 15 continued

1:30-2:30 p.m.	Panelists Presentations (20 minutes each) Designing circulatory systems—evolution dances but physics calls the tunes Steve Vogel, <i>Department of Biology, Duke University</i> Using physics to turn biological cartoons into mathematical models of cells Jané Kondev, <i>Department of Physics, Brandeis University</i> What is the place of physics in a coherent, engaging, and effective biology curriculum? Mike Klymkowsky, <i>Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Colorado-Boulder</i>
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Discussion
2:45-3:15 p.m.	Break and Posters
3:15-4:15 p.m.	Working Groups III: Take-home Ideas from Today's Presentations
4:15-5:30 p.m.	Plenary Panel II: Mathematics and IPLS Courses Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Juan Burciaga
4:15-5:15 p.m.	Panelist Presentations (20 minutes each) IPLS in un-IPLS courses: project-based learning in a mixed enrollment course David Weaver, <i>Physics, Chandler-Gilbert Community College</i> University physics for the life sciences: calculus-based introductory physics re-imagined Simon Mochrie, <i>Department of Physics, Yale University</i> Mathematics: transcending the sciences Scot Gould, <i>W.M. Keck Science Department, Claremont McKenna, Pitzer & Scripps Colleges</i>
5:15-5:30 p.m.	Discussion
5:30-6:15 p.m.	Free Time
6:15-7:15 p.m.	Dinner , Capital Ballroom
7:15-8:15 p.m.	Posters , Capital View Ballroom Foyer
8:15 p.m.	Take down posters

Sunday, March 16

- N. B. Hotel Check-out Before Noon
- 8:00-8:55 a.m. **Working Groups IV: Formulating Recommendations for IPLS Courses**
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Plenary VI: Course Transformation Revisited**
Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Eric Brewé
- The intimate relationship between expertise, learning goals, pedagogy, and course transformation**
Carl Wieman, *Department of Physics and Graduate School of Education, Stanford University*
- 10:00 -10:30 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Plenary Discussion: Reports from Breakouts**
Potomac Ballroom, Moderators: Dawn Meredith and Tom O’Kuma
- 11:30 a.m. **Final Remarks, Post-Conference Survey, Conference Report Development**
Potomac Ballroom, Moderator: Bob Hilborn



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