

Biology and Molecular Biology of Filarial Parasites Third Annual Mini Course

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The University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Athens, Georgia

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Monday to Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

This 1-week course will consist of informal lectures, discussion periods, and wet labs, presented by Dr. Steven A. Williams (Smith College) and Dr. Ray M. Kaplan (University of Georgia) and members of their research programs. Days will be split between lectures and labs that cover the biology of filarial nematode parasites and the *Brugia* life cycle, basic molecular methods used in the study of filarial nematodes, and bioinformatics

Attendees will receive a certificate of participation for this course.

There is no cost for the course, but participants are responsible for their costs for travel, hotel accommodations, and meals.

Call and sign up now; class size is limited for this special course.

Place to stay: There is the Georgia Center of Continuing Education, which is located within walking distance of the College (i.e., 2-3 blocks). To make a room reservation, you can call 1-888-295-8894 or go to www.gacpr.uga. There is a Holiday Inn, a Holiday Inn Express and a Courtyard by Marriott at the North end of the UGA campus (~12-15 blocks from the College). There are also several other hotels that are farther from the College (e.g., Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn).

Travel Information: In regard to airline service, we have a small airport here in Athens and one can fly into Athens from Charlotte, but not from Atlanta. Generally, it is better to fly into Atlanta and take the shuttlebus (AAA Airport Express, Inc.) to Athens. The shuttle makes several trips per day and stops at the Georgia Center, Holiday Inn and a few other places here in Athens. It is better to make reservations for the shuttle (1-800-354-7874 or www.aaaairportexpress.com).

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