SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:45-8:15 a.m.  
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15-8:45 a.m.  
Welcome and Overview of Importance of Translational Research  
Don Nielsen, Ph.D., Northwestern University  
Director, Translational Research, Communication Sciences and Disorders

8:45-9:45 a.m.  
Development of the EarLens Photonic Hearing Device  
Sunil Puria, Ph.D., EarLens Corporation and Stanford University

9:45-10:25 a.m.  
Reformulating Hearing Assessment: From Laboratory to Clinic  
Sumit Dhar, Ph.D. & Jonathan Siegel, Northwestern University

10:25 – 10:40 a.m.  
Break

10:40-11:40 a.m.  
Stem Cells and Drugs: Preventing and Treating Hearing Loss  
Josef M. Miller, Ph.D., University of Michigan

11:40-12:20 p.m.  
Out of the Electric Box: Optical Stimulation of Neural Tissue  
Claus-Peter Richter, M.D., Ph.D., Northwestern University

12:20-1:20 p.m.  
Buffet Lunch

1:20-2:20 p.m.  
Future Promise: Inner Ear Hair Cell Regeneration  
Brenda Ryals, Ph.D., James Madison University

2:20-3:20 p.m.  
Adventures in Bionic Hearing  
Robert Shannon, Ph.D., House Research Institute

3:20-3:35 p.m.  
Break

3:35-4:15 p.m.  
Mind Over Matter: Cognitive Factors in Prosthesis Success  
Pamela Souza, Ph.D., Northwestern University

4:15-5:15 p.m.  
Current Projects and Future Needs for Translational Research: Observations from the VA  
Patricia A. Dorn, Ph.D., Interim Director, VA Rehabilitation R&D Service, Department of Veteran Affairs

5:15 p.m.  
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