



2023 BCM Families Meeting
CHARLOTTE, NC – April, 29 2023
AGENDA

Friday April 28th

4:00PM - 7:00PM - **OMNI Charlotte Hotel - 2nd floor poolside Hospitality Room #215** - Registration
7:00PM **Charlotte Uptown - Social Event**

Saturday April 29th

8:00AM - 8:30AM - **OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Poplar Dogwood Foyer** – Registration

Morning Lectures I - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room - Chairman: Dr. Renata Sarno, BCMFF President

8:30AM – 9:00AM BCMFF **Dr. Renata Sarno**, President, **Kay McCrary Ed.D.**, Secretary, **Barbara Sergent MBA**, Treasurer, and **Marylee Dilling, M.D.**, Director "Welcome and opening introduction to the BCM Families Foundation"

9:00AM - 9:30AM **Jeremy Nathans, M.D., Ph.D**, Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Neuroscience, Ophthalmology The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD "The Genes for Color Vision and the Genetic Origin of Blue Cone Monochromacy"

9:30AM - 10:00AM **Bernd Wissinger, Ph.D.** Professor of Molecular Genetics of Sensory Systems Institute for Ophthalmic Research, Centre for Ophthalmology, University of Tübingen. "Genetic Testing in Blue Cone Monochromacy"

10:00AM – 10:15AM BCMFF Director **Marylee Dilling, M.D.** Angie Honeycutt, "How to collect and ship blood samples from the US to Germany for DNA test"

10:15AM - 10:40AM Coffee Break - OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Poplar Dogwood Foyer

Morning Lectures II - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room – Chairman: Marylee Dilling, MD, BCMFF Director

10:40AM – 11:00AM **Dr. Wen-Tao Deng**, Assistant Professor Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of West Virginia "AAV-mediated gene therapy in mouse models for BCM"

11:00AM - 11:30AM **Tomas Aleman, M.D.** and **Artur V. Cideciyan, Ph.D.**, Co-Directors, Center for Hereditary Retinal Degenerations, University of Pennsylvania "Clinical features of BCM vision and underlying physiology"

11:30AM - 12:00PM **Joseph Carroll, Ph.D.**, Department of Ophthalmology, Medical College of Wisconsin "Imaging retinal structure in Blue Cone Monochromacy"

12:00PM - 12:15PM Questions & Answers

12:15PM - 12:45PM BCMFF Directors and Scientists "Discussion about the future of the Intravitreal Gene Therapy for Blue Cone Monochromacy"

12:45PM – 2:00PM Lunch - OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Poplar Dogwood Foyer



Afternoon Lectures I - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room – Chairmen: Kay McCrary Ed.D. & Barbara Sergent MBA, BCMFF Directors

2:00PM - 2:15PM Director **Barbara Sergent, MBA**, Treasurer of the BCMFF “Donations and Fundraising”

2:15PM - 2:55PM **Laura K. Windsor, O.D., F.A.A.O.** The Low Vision Center of Indiana, “Low Vision and Glare & Light Strategies for Maximizing Vision in Patients with BCM”

2:55PM - 3:10PM Questions & Answers

3:10PM - 3:35PM Coffee Break OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Poplar Dogwood Foyer

Afternoon Lectures II - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room - Chairmen: Kay McCrary Ed.D. & Barbara Sergent MBA, BCMFF Directors

3:35PM - 3:55PM **Ben Nelson Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI)** “Accommodations for Students with BCM in the Educational Setting.”

3:55PM - 4:05PM Questions & Answers

4:05PM - 4:20PM - **Sara Cammarota and Renata Sarno, Ph.D.**– BCM Patient Registry Manager – “How to Enroll in the BCM Patient Registry and Why”

4:20PM – 4:35PM – **Erik Geslin, Ph.D.** University of Norway’s Video: “Beyond Blue Mist” a Videogame for identifying Blue Cone Monochromats players

4:35PM BCMFF Directors Closing remarks

7:00PM Charlotte Uptown – Social Event

Social Event on Friday Evening and on Saturday Evening – Group Dinners

Within a block or two of the hotel, there is an area previously called the EpiCentre, this is being rebranded and revitalized and here there are some restaurants that we have selected:

Red Eye Diner - open 24 hours,
Typical diner food

World of Beer - open 12pm - 12am
Brewery and kitchen

Mortimers Cafe - 11am - 2am
Deli style options

Fuji Hibachi - 11am - 11pm
Fast dining

They all have inside seating, as well as, outdoor seating, or an option to get your food to go. We invite all participants to select one of the 4 restaurants and to go to the restaurant at 7pm keeping the conference badge to be identifiable by the other participants. We will organize list sheets for each restaurant before 7pm at the **Poplar Dogwood Foyer**

