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Welcome to the Seventh IEEE International Conference on Computational Advances in Bio and medical Sciences (ICCABS 2017)! Computational techniques are revolutionizing the way in which research is conducted in science and engineering. Unsurpassed advances have been made in myriads of application domains. This is particularly true in the areas of biology, medicine, and drug discovery. Even though a number of conferences exist today in the general area of bioinformatics, they focus on computational biology to a large extent. ICCABS has the goal of bringing together scientists in all the three areas and hence serving as a platform for bridging the research efforts in these areas. The response from these communities to the ICCABS call for papers has been indeed gratifying. We are honored to serve these international communities by bringing together researchers, scientists, and students from academia, laboratories, and industry to this premier meeting held in Orlando.

We are thankful to the steering committee members (Srinivas Aluru, Reda A. Ammar, Tao Jiang, Vipin Kumar, Ming Li, John Reif and Sartaj Sahni) who have been instrumental in getting this conference approved by IEEE.

We would like to thank Program Chairs Danny Krizanc and Shaojie Zhang for assembling an outstanding technical program. The program committee members have done a wonderful job of reviewing all the submitted papers thoroughly within a short period of time. We are thankful to them as well as all the authors who have expressed their faith in ICCABS by submitting the fruits of their hard work. ICCABS features three keynote speeches (from Mark Borodovsky, Sartaj Sahni, and Jinbo Xu) and seven invited speakers (Jaime Davila, Faraz Hach, Jingshan Huang, Sumit Kumar Jha, Pavel Skums, Liqing Zhang, and Xianglan Zhang). We are grateful to these well-established and highly successful researchers for taking time out of their busy schedules to make ICCABS a great success.

Thanks are also due to: Financial Chair (Reda Ammar), Local Arrangements Chair (Sharma Valliyil Thankachan), Workshop Chairs (Ion Mandoiu, Pavel Skums, and Alex Zelikovsky), Proceedings Chair (Zigeng Wang), Publicity Chair (Bob Weiner), and Webmaster (Zigeng Wang) for their tireless efforts.

Selected papers from ICCABS 2017 will appear as special issues in BMC Genomics and BMC Bioinformatics. We are grateful to the editors of these journals and Omar El Bakry for their efforts in this regard. Last but not least, we would like to thank UConn and the Booth Engineering Center for Advanced Technology (BECAT) for the constant administrative support rendered to ICCABS. In particular, we offer our special thanks to Joy Billion and Karen Kuca for their incessant support.

We hope you’ll continue to support ICCABS in future! Have a wonderful time in the conference!

**Sanguthevar Rajasekaran**, Univ. of Connecticut;  
**Shibu Yooseph**, Univ. of Central Florida
Message from the Program Chairs

We would like to welcome you to the 7th IEEE International Conference on Computational Advances in Bio and medical Sciences (ICCABS 2017) in Orlando, Florida. The conference program covers a wide range of topics in computational biology and medicine and includes 23 extended abstracts selected by the Program Committee from all 45 submissions.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Program Committee and reviewers for their careful review and evaluation of the submissions. Special thanks to the conference General Chairs Sanguthevar Rajasekaran and Shibu Yooseph for their leadership, and the Chairs of the Workshop, Finance, Publicity, Proceedings, Local Arrangements, and the conference Webmaster for their hard work in making the conference a rich experience. Last but not least we would like to thank all the authors for presenting their latest research in this conference.

We hope that you will find the ICCABS 2017 program exciting and stimulating, and enjoy the opportunity to interact with researchers around the world. Welcome!

Danny Krizanc, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, USA

Shaojie Zhang, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, USA
Message from CANGS Workshop Chairs

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# ICCABS 2017 Program

## Thursday, October 19, 2017

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| 8:30am -   | Keynote Talk                                | Shibu Yooseph              | Jinbo Xu - Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago  
Title: Protein Contact Prediction and Folding by Deep Learning |
| 9:30am -   | ICCABS0                                    | S. Rajasekaran             | Thamer Alsulaiman, Beth Osia, Anna Malkova and Suely Oliveira. Concurrent  
MMBIRFinder  
Elizbeth Brooks, Graham Roberts, Alison Scoville and Filip Jagodzinski. ModEDI: An  
Extendable Software Architecture for Examining the Effects of Nonlinear Developmental  
Interactions on Evolutionary Trajectories |
| 10:20am -  | Coffee Break                               |                           |                                                                                |
| 10:40am -  | Invited Talks                              | Sharma Thankachan          | Pavel Skums - Georgia State University  
Title: Investigation of viral outbreaks using the synthesis of sequencing and social network data  
Jingshan Huang - University of South Alabama  
Title: Semantics-oriented Data Science and Computational Life Sciences: innovative application of  
semantic technologies in microRNA and lncRNA research  
Sumit Kumar Jha - University of Central Florida  
Title: TBD |
| 12:20pm -  | Lunch                                      |                           |                                                                                |
| 1:40pm -   | Invited Talks                              | Shaojie Zhang              | Liqing Zhang - Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Title: TBD  
Jaime Davila - Mayo Clinic  
Title: Challenges of using RNA-seq in the clinical setting  
Xianglilan Zhang – University of Waterloo, Canada |
Title: De Novo Peptide Sequencing by Deep Learning

3:20pm - 3:40pm  Coffee Break

3:40pm - 5:20pm  Parallel Sessions

Session 1A: ICCABS1  
Chair: Iman Hajirasouliha

- Tomohiro Ban, Masahito Ohue and Yutaka Akiyama. Efficient Hyperparameter Optimization by Using Bayesian Optimization for Drug-Target Interaction Prediction
- Amal Alzu'Bi, Leming Zhou and Valerie Watzlaf. Are Physicians Ready to Utilize Genomics to Achieve Personalized Practice and What Do They Desire to Have in a Patient Genomic Information System?
- Mojtaba Nouri Bygi and Ileana Streinu. Efficient pebble game algorithms engineered for protein rigidity applications

Session 1B: CANGS -- NGS APPLICATIONS  
Chair: TBD

- Karuturi. Genomics of Patient Derived Xenografts (PDX): Challenges and Approaches
- Abrams, Kumar, Karuturi, George. A computational method to aid in the design and analysis of single cell RNA-seq experiments
- Skums. Tumor phylogeny inference from single cell sequencing data using discrete optimization
- Perkins, Heber. RiboStreamR: A Web Application for Quality Control, Analysis, and Visualization of Ribo-Seq Data

Friday, October 20, 2017

8:30am - 9:30am  Keynote Talk  
Chair: Giri Narasimhan

Mark Borodovsky - Georgia Institute of Technology  
Title: More than one way to express a gene: improved prokaryotic gene prediction yields insights into transcription and translation mechanisms

9:30am - 10:20am  Parallel Sessions

Session 2A: ICCABS2  
Chair: Trevor Cickovski

- Cuncong Zhong, Youngik Yang and Shibu Yooseph. GRASP2: Fast and Memory-efficient Gene-centric Assembly and Homolog Search

Session 2B: CANGS -- VIRUSES  
Chair: TBD

- Icer, Artyomenko, Ramachandran, Zelikovsky, Khudyakov, Skums. Assessment of HCV infection stage as recent or chronic using multi-parameter analysis and machine learning
• Sy-Miin Chow, Akhil Kumar, Ann Ouyang, Bu Zhong, Jungmin Lee and Nicholas Inverso. What can Physicians learn from Social Forums: Insights from an on-line Self Help and Support Group

• Basodi, Burcak Icer, Skums, Khudyakov, Zelikovsky, Pan. Detection of Acute and Chronic HCV Infections using Sequence Image Normalization

10:20am - 10:40am  Coffee Break

10:40am - 12:20pm  Parallel Sessions

Session 3A: ICCABS3  
Chair: Zigeng Wang

• Trevor Cickovski, Vanessa Aguiar-Pulido and Giri Narasimhan. MATria: A Unified Centrality Algorithm
• Negin Fraidouni and Gergely Zaruba. A Correlation Based Matrix Completion Approach to Gene Expression Prediction
• Jing Hu and Bryan Andrews. Distinguishing Long Non-coding RNAs From mRNAs Using a Two-layer Structured Classifier
• Chunchun Zhao and Sartaj Sahni. Efficient Computation of the Damerau-Levenshtein Distance Between Biological Sequences

Session 3B: CANGS -- VARIATION  
Chair: TBD

• Huo, Wu, Zhang, Zeng. Analysis of complete genome sequence and genome-wide SNPs in highly inbred pigs
• Duitama, Tello, De la hoz, Loaiza, Riascos. NGSEP3: Accurate, efficient and user friendly production and analysis of genomic variation datasets through STR-aware integrated realignment
• Mancuso, Yang, Pasaniuc. Improved Spatial Localization using Gaussian Distributions for Alleles
• Nabavi. Copy Number Variation Detection for Next Generation Sequencing Data

12:20pm - 1:40pm  Lunch

1:40pm - 3:20pm  Parallel Sessions

Session 4A: ICCABS4  
Chair: Jing Hu

• Jens Lichtenberg and David Bodine. Evaluation of peak calling approaches for genome-wide MBD2-based Methyl-Seq profiling

Session 4B: CANGS-- ALGORITHMS  
Chair: TBD

• Rajasekaran. The closest pair problem: Algorithms and applications
• Daddio, Mandoiu. Identifying alpha-beta T cell clones via pooling and b-matching
David Morris, Tatiana Maximova, Erion Plaku and Amarda Shehu. Out of One, Many: Exploiting Intrinsic Motions to Explore Protein Structure Spaces

Jacob Porter and Liqing Zhang. InfoTrim: A DNA Read Quality Trimmer Using Entropy (Poster)

Invited Talk: Faraz Hach - Simon Fraser University, Canada

Li, Bansal. Integrated Analysis of Domain, Gene, and Species Level Evolution

Tsyvina, Campo, Sims, Zelikovsky, Khudyakov, Skums. Efficient signature-based algorithm for detection of genetic relatedness between heterogeneous populations

3:20pm - 3:40pm Coffee Break

3:40pm - 5:20pm Parallel Sessions

Session 5A: ICCABS5 Chair: Cuncong Zhong
- Wen-Chyi Lin, Ching-Chung Li, Jonathan I. Epstein and Robert W. Veltri. Advance on Curvelet Application to Prostate Cancer Tissue Image Classification
- Hosein Toosi, Ali Moenini and Iman Hajirasouliha. BAMSE: Bayesian model selection for tumor phylogeny inference among multiple tumor samples

Session 5B: CANGS -- ASSEMBLY AND SCAFFOLDING Chair: TBD
- Fu, Chang, Friesen, Teakle, Tarone, Sze. Identifying similar transcripts in a related organism from de Bruijn graphs of RNA-Seq data, with applications to the study of salt and waterlogging tolerance in Melilotus
- Aganezov, Alekseyev. On Problem of Orienting Ordered Scaffolds
- Mandric, Knyazev, Zelikovsky. Repeat aware scaffolding evaluation pipeline
- Chu, Li, Wu. GAPPadder: A Sensitive Approach for Closing Gaps on Draft Genomes with Short Sequence Reads

6:00pm - Banquet
9:00pm Dinner at 6:00pm

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8:30am - Keynote Talk
9:30am Chair: S. Rajasekaran

Sartaj Sahni - University of Florida
Title: Time and Energy Efficient Computing
9:30am - 10:20am
Parallel Sessions

Session 6A: ICCABS6
Chair: Negin Fraidouni

- Peng Xiao and Sanguthevar Rajasekaran. Efficient Exact Algorithms for LDD Motif Search

Session 6B: CANGS -- VIRUSES
Chair: TBD


10:20am - 10:40am
Coffee Break

10:40am - 12:20pm
Parallel Sessions

Session 7A: ICCABS7
Chair: Jens Lichtenberg

- Sudipta Pathak and Xingyu Cai. Ensemble Learning Algorithm for Drug-Target Interaction Prediction
- Chunchun Zhao and Sartaj Sahni. Efficient RNA Folding Using Zuker's Method
- Jacob Porter. A Pharmacophore Hypothesis and Computationally Optimized Lead Compounds for VKORC1
- Dina Abdelhafiz, Sheida Nabavi, Reda Ammar and Clifford Yang. Survey on Deep Convolutional Neural Networks in Mammography (Extened Abstract)

Session 7B: CANGS -- MICROBIOMICS & IMMUNOGENOMICS
Chair: TBD

- Narasimhan. Advances in Microbiome Analysis
- Zelikovsky. Inference of metabolic pathway activity from meta-transcriptomic reads
- Mangul, Lapierre, Alser, Mandric, Martin, Eskin, Koslicki. Ultra-sensitive profiling of eukaryotic and viral communities of 1736 built environments across the US metropolitan areas
- Al Seesi. Genomics Guided Neo-epitope Prediction for Tumor Vaccine Design