

2011 BEACON Congress

(Tentative schedule)

SEE NOTES at end of schedule!

Wednesday, August 10				
8:00 am Catered breakfast at <i>BEACON HQ</i>				
9:00 am Plenary: Welcome, Overview of Congress, Tasks and Goals of Congress				
10:00 am Break				
10:30 am	Sandbox session	Research Updates or Sandbox Session	Tutorial on Topic TBD	Executive Committee Meeting
12:00 pm Catered lunch at <i>BEACON HQ</i>				
1:30 pm	Sandbox session	Research Updates or Sandbox Session	Tutorial on Genomic Analysis Tools (Brown)	EHRD Committee Meeting
3:00 pm Break				
3:30 pm	Sandbox session	Research Updates or Sandbox Session	Tutorial on Evol. Game Theory (Adami, Hintze)	EHRD Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Catered dinner at <i>BEACON HQ & Poster Session</i>				
Thursday, August 11				
8:00 am Catered breakfast at <i>BEACON HQ</i>				
9:00 am Plenary: Overview of BEACON Education/Outreach: graduate, undergrad, K-12 and museum				
10:00 am Break				
10:30 am	Sandbox session	Research Updates or Sandbox Session	Tutorial AvidaEd (Pennock)	Diversity Committee Meeting

12:00 pm		<i>Catered lunch at BEACON HQ</i>		
1:30 pm	Sandbox session	Research Updates or Sandbox Session	Tutorial on Topic TBD	Admin. (Budget) Meeting
3:00 pm		Break		
3:30 pm	Sandbox session	Research Updates or Sandbox Session	Tutorial on Topic TBD	Committee Meeting (TBA)
6:00 pm		<i>Catered dinner at BEACON HQ</i>		

Friday, August 12: External Advisory Committee Meeting

8:00 am	Catered breakfast at <i>BEACON HQ</i>
9:00 am	Welcome and overview to External Advisory Committee; What is BEACON? Overall structure, goals, etc.
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Research presentations to EAC
11:00 am	Education/Outreach/Diversity presentations to EAC
12:00 pm	Lunch; EAC visit to MSU Museum; BEACON participants begin to depart (except for leadership)
2:00 pm	Administrative presentations to EAC: budget request process, communications, knowledge transfer, RCR
4:00 pm	Question and answer period
6:00 pm	<i>Dinner/Social hour at Rob's House</i>

Saturday, August 13 (EAC and Leadership Only)

8:00 am	Catered breakfast at <i>BEACON HQ</i>
9:00 am	EAC meets in conference room to draft report; leadership available for questions
12:00 pm	EAC meets over lunch with BEACON leadership to make recommendations
1:00 pm	EAC departs

NOTES:

1. "Sandbox"-style collaborative sessions will be organized around Grand Challenges/Open Questions/Problems related to evolution in action that BEACON should be working on. Purpose: to generate collaborations, get people thinking, and help people put together interdisciplinary, multi-institutional collaborations that will lead to successful budget requests

PLEASE visit the BEACON Congress wiki pages to add YOUR SUGGESTION for a SANDBOX Session Topic or to see what's been suggested so far!!!

We will need a facilitator(s) for each session.

Please use the features of the BEACON Intranet (e.g. updating your profiles with keywords) to maximize ability to form new collaborations.

2. Tutorials: Practical sessions to share information about how to do something.

Suggestions so far:

- Genomic analysis tools (Brown)
- Evolutionary Game Theory (Adami, Hintze)
- AvidaEd (Pennock)
- Data storage and archiving??
- RCR: what should faculty be discussing with students?

- ⤷ Getting started with Knowledge Transfer??
- ⤷ How to conduct evaluation of education/outreach projects??
- ⤷ Communicating with the public??

3. Project Updates:

- ⤷ We have reserved some blocks of time for people to present brief (likely 20-minute) updates on their progress on BEACON-sponsored or BEACON-related projects. If you would like to make such a report, please indicate your name and the project title on the wiki page.

4. External Advisory Committee meeting:

⤷ Research

- Four projects that represent multi-institutional collaborative work.
Student/postdoc speaker suggestions so far:
 - Carlos Anderson
 - Brian Connelly
 - Bjorn Ostman
 - Josh Nahum
 - Aaron Wagner
 - Caroline Turner or Zachary Blount
 - Emily Weigel
 - Frank Bartlett

⤷ Education/Outreach/Diversity

- Louise: overview of projects (museums – which they will get to visit; REU/SROP projects, other)
- Ann Royer and Mike Wiser: BEACON High School
- Judi: overview of diversity progress and projects
- Student speaker from SROP/REU program?

⤷ Administrative presentations

- Erik: overview of budget request process, center operations
- Danielle: Communications, blog/Facebook/Twitter, intranet
- Betty: Knowledge Transfer
- Julius: RCR, CAFFE training for grads, pdocs, junior faculty