



WORKSHOP AGENDA

**Defined Reference Diets for Zebrafish and Other Aquatic Biomedical Research
Models: Needs and Challenges**

Monday, July 30, 2018

Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP),
6701 Democracy, 9th Floor Conference Room 987/989, Bethesda, Maryland



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Objectives:

- Review diet development strategies, where available, in other biomedical model species.
- Assess the current nutrition status of zebrafish.
- Describe the need for defined diets for maintenance and experimental stocks, including assessment of life stage requirements.
- Discuss the potential impact of defined reference diets on genetic stocks used in biomedical research, their effect on development, physiology and expressivity of disease/mutant phenotypes.
- Identify obstacles and evaluate strategies that may lead to a successful consensus, acceptance, and implementation of defined reference diets among the different scientific community stakeholders.
- Define an educational approach to informing the community and associated partners (journals, organizations, granting agencies, etc.).
- Determine whether/how the approach to develop a defined reference diet for zebrafish could be applied to other aquatic models, and animal models in general.

Location:

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Organizing Committee (OC):

Stephen A. Watts (Chair), University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL

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Workshop Schedule:

7:30 - 8:00 On-Site Registration

8:00 - 8:25 Introduction and Welcome

Stephanie Murphy, Division of Comparative Medicine Director, ORIP, NIH
Stephen Watts (OC Chair), University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL

8:25 - 12:00 Session 1: Historic perspectives, current diets, ingredient considerations, and feeding management in the husbandry of zebrafish and other animal models: a comparative analysis.

Session Chairs: Robert Tanguay, Oregon State University, and Stephen Watts, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Speakers:

8:25 am: *The history of rodent nutritional research and the development of standardized diets: lessons learned.* Forrest Nielsen, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture

9:05 am: *The role of nutritional research in developing production aquaculture: applications to zebrafish culture.* Ronald Hardy, Aquaculture Research Institute, University of Idaho

9:45 am: *The history of nutrition and diet development in Drosophila and related insects.* William Ja, Scripps Research Institute

10:15 - 10:30 Break¹

Speakers:

10:30 am: *The National Animal Nutrition Program: Relevance to zebrafish and lab animal models.* Delbert Gatlin, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University

11:00 am: *The role of feed management in promoting healthy nutrition in zebrafish.* Chris Lawrence, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard University

11:20 am: *Feed and Ingredient Safety: What we don't know can hurt us.* Mark Tye, Zebrafish Core Facility Manager, University of Minnesota

11:40 am: *Nutrition as a variable in European research communities.* Robert Geisler, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany; European Zebrafish Resource Center

12:00 - 12:10 Break¹

12:10 - 1:00 **Working Lunch. *Aquatic Community Survey / Current husbandry of zebrafish.*** Diana Baumann, Stowers Institute, and Zoltan Varga, ZIRC/ University of Oregon

1:00 - 3:35 **Session 2: The impact of diet variation on health and experimental outcomes of zebrafish and other aquatic models.**

Session Chair: John Rawls, Duke University School of Medicine

Speakers (15 min presentation and 5 min discussion):

1:00 pm: *The impact of diet on digestive physiology research in zebrafish.* Steven Farber, Carnegie Institution for Science

1:20 pm: *The impact of diet on host microbiome.* John Rawls, Duke University School of Medicine

1:40 pm: *Obesity and adipose distribution in relation to nutrition.* James Minchin, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

2:00 pm: *Nutrition and cancer.* Charles Kaufman, Washington University School of Medicine

2:20 pm: *Zebrafish Models for Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Research,* Liqing Zang, Mie University, Japan

2:40 pm: *Nutrition and toxicology.* Robert Tanguay, Oregon State University

3:00 pm: *Diet and life stage: what we need to know.* Louis D'Abramo, Past-President World Aquaculture Society, University of Alabama at Birmingham

3:20 - 3:35 **Break¹**

3:35 - 4:45 **Session 3: Development of recommendations, discussion, and summary**

Session Chairs: Committee members.

4:45 - 5:00 **Final comments and adjourn**

¹: Lunch and refreshments cannot be provided by Government Funds. Therefore, meals and light refreshments are at the expense of attendees.