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## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Botulinum Research Symposium, August 13-15, 2025

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual symposium organized by the Botulinum Research Center at the Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, MA.

**Theme:** Non-canonical Aspects of Botulinum Neurotoxin Sciences

Anticipated presenters/Participants:

**John Bogdan**, US Department of Defense  
**Dirk Dressler**, Hanover Medical School, Germany  
**Eric Johnson**, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
**Yukio Fujinaga**, Kanazawa University, Germany  
**Michael Adler**, US Army Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, USA  
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**Lei Wang**, Prime Bio, Inc., Dartmouth, MA, USA  
**Patrick McNutt**, Wakeforest School of Medicine, USA  
**Thomas Binz**, Hanover Medical School, Germany  
**Others**

### Tentative Program

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 7 PM Boston time

- Pre-Symposium get together and dinner

Thursday – Friday, August 14-15, 2025, 8 AM – 2 PM Boston Time

- DasGupta memorial lecture – TBA
- Symposium speech – TBA
- Presentations
- Posters
- Inaugural speech – TBA
- Panel – **Unexplored Aspects of Botulinum**

**Venue – Wamsutta Club, New Bedford, MA  
And Zoom Meeting room**

**Registration and Hotel information – will be available soon**