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**Evolution of Complexity from the Statistical Physics
Perspective June 29-July 2, 2022
Yerevan**

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Participation format	hybrid, either online or personally at AANL
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Planned sessions:

1. Multilevel selection, learning and major transitions
2. Evolution, information thermodynamics
3. Evolution on fluctuating landscapes, with groups and tradeoffs

Confirmed participants:

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Program

June 29, 2022

8:30 Welcome speech by AANL director A. Aprahamian, R. Aroutiounian, Academician-secretary of the division of natural sciences of NAS RA, the chairman of the conference, E. Koonin.

Species, general principles

9:00 N. Goldenfeld, UC San Diego, USA, Topological scaling laws and the statistical mechanics of evolution.

9:30 N. Takeuchi, University of Auckland, New Zealand, Universal biology and the generalized central dogma

10:00 J. Ispolatov, University of Santiago Chile, Emergence of predation.

10:30 A. Kolchinsky, Tokyo University, Thermodynamics of Darwinian evolution.

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

Adaptation and learning

11:15 A.S. Bratus (Moscow Transport University), I. Samokhin, T. Yakushkina (HSE). Evolution adaptation of replicator system with multiple phenotypes and mutation to death rate variation.

Evolution Adaptation of Replicator Systems to Death Rates Variation.

11:45 M. Burtsev, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Learning drives evolution of complexity.

12:15 A. I. Panov, P. Kuderov, Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology, Hierarchical Intrinsically Motivated Agent based on Free Energy Principles

12:45 V. G. Red'ko, Z. B. Sokhova, Scientific Research Institute for System Analysis, Russian Academy of Sciences (SRISA RAS)., Multilevel cognitive processes.

Adaptation, immunity, cancer

13:15 A. Melkikh, Ural Federal University, Yekaterinburg, Russia, Viruses, immunity and evolution

13:45 R. Jafari, Shahid Beheshti University, Higher-order genetic interactions and their contribution to cancerous cells.

Information and stochastic thermodynamics

15:30 O. Rivoire, Sex as information processing.

16:00-16:30, D. Wolpert, Santa Fe Institute, USA, The stochastic thermodynamics of distributed Systems

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Microbial evolution

- 13:30** Qi Wu, pan-genome based genotyping illustrates qualitative and quantitative genetic diversity of structural variation in Baker's yeast
- 14:00** M. Gelfand, Skoltech, Evolutionary dynamics of bacteria.
- 14:30** S. Suweis, University of Padova, Dynamic metabolic adaptation and species coexistence in competitive microbial communities
- 15:00** B. Waclaw, Institute of Physical Chemistry PAN, Warsaw, Phenotypic switching as a mechanism to circumvent fitness valleys

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

Multilevel selection and learning

- 16:00** V. Vanchurin, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda USA, Biological evolution as learning and a thermodynamic origin of life.
- 16:30** M. Marsili, ICTP, Italy, REM approach to learning
- 17:00** D. Czégel, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary, From selection to sentience and back
- 17:30** D. B. Saakian, AANL, Armenia, Solution of evolutionary dynamics in case of two level selection

Cognition

- 18:00-18:45** Ricard Sole, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Liquid Brains: searching the cognition space

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15:00-17:00 Round table "Looking for international level advanced science and advanced technologies for the progress of Armenia."

Greetings from the President of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia A. Saghyan, Director of A.I. Alikhanyan National Science Laboratory (Yerevan Physics Institute) Foundation Ani Aprahamian

- 15:00-16:00** Optimizing the scientific politics: the priorities, the grant versions choice, the refereeing system.

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16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15- 17:30 Optimizing the science- industry-new technologies relations

Complexity and biological evolution

17:30 P. Hogeweg, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, Evolution of individual and/or ecosystem based complexity

18:00 M. Lassig, University of Cologne, Germany, Adaptive ratchets and the evolution of molecular complexity.

18:30-19:15, E. Koonin, NCBI, NLM, NIH, USA, Evolution of complexity

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Statistical physics and evolution

12:30 A. Allahverdyan, AANL, Armenia, Thermodynamic selection: mechanisms and scenarios

13:00 A. Oganov, The evolution as a method to predict the structure of crystals and molecules

13:30 T. Coolen, Radboud University, The Netherlands, Evolution and replicas.

14:00-14:15 Coffee break

14:15 K. Kaneko, Niels Bohr Institute, Denmark, Harnessing Complexity through Evolutionary Dimensional Reduction

14:45 M. M. Katsnelson, Radboud University, The Netherlands, Origin of complexity in physics and biology: Similarities and dissimilarities

15:45 M. Kardar, MIT, USA, Competitive growth on a rugged front.

16:15-16:30 Coffee break

Social systems

16:30 F. Fontanari, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, The threat of disinformation to epistemic security: an exactly solvable model.

17:00 S. Gavrillets, University of Tennessee, USA, Coevolution of actions, personal norms, and beliefs about others in social dilemmas.

17:30 S. G. Inge-Vechtomov, Institute of Genetics, Sankt Peterburg, Timofeev-Ressovsky, a scientist and supervisor.

17:50 Klaus Rajewsky, On memory of Timofeev-Ressovsky

18:10-18:40 E. Koonin, the concluding remarks.