Keynote Speaker:
Margaret M. McCarthy, PhD
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Margaret (Peg) McCarthy received a PhD from the Institute of Animal Behavior at Rutgers University, postdoctoral training at Rockefeller University and was a National Research Council Fellow at NIAA before joining the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1993. She was a professor in the Department of Physiology before becoming the Chair of the Department of Pharmacology in 2011. McCarthy has a long standing interest in the cellular mechanisms establishing sex differences in the brain. She uses a combined behavioral and mechanistic approach in the laboratory rat to understand both normal brain development and how these processes might go selectively awry in males versus females. She is passionate about science education and is the Past-President of Organization for the Study of Sex Differences, reviewing editor for multiple journals and the Chair of the Board of Scientific Councilors at NIMH. She was awarded the James and Carolyn Frenkil Dean’s Endowed Professorship and appointed the Director of the Program in Neuroscience at the University of Maryland School of Medicine 2019.
Agenda

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Introduction: Dr. David Park, PhD

Session #1 Trainees of the Year – Chair: Dr. Sarah McFarlane, PhD
9:10 - 9:30 PDF of the year - Dr. Junting Huang, PhD
9:30 - 9:50 PhD of the year - Dr. Stefan Lang, MD, PhD

Session #2 Data Blitz – Trainees to advertise posters 1 min/1 slide
9:50 - 10:15 Co-Chairs: Berkeley Scott & Ryan Rosentreter

10:15 - 10:30 Break

Session #3 Cannabis & Mental Health – Chair: Dr. Signe Bray, PhD
10:30 - 10:50 Dr. Matthew Hill, PhD
10:50 - 11:10 Dr. Jean Addington, PhD

Session #4 Keynote lecture: Dr. Margaret McCarthy, PhD
Chair: Dr. Quentin Pittman, PhD
11:10 - 11:15 Keynote introduction: Dr. Quentin Pittman, PhD
11:15 - 12:15 Keynote lecture: Dr. Margaret M. McCarthy, PhD, James and Carolyn Frenkil Dean’s Professor and Chair, Dept of Pharmacology, Director Program in Neuroscience, University of Maryland School of Medicine

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12:15 - 12:30 Announcement of poster winners and closing remarks - Dr. Richard Frayne, PhD
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