

## **1. Evolution**

- a. Darwin: Organismal Evolution
- b. Nucleic Acid and Protein Evolution

## **2. Cell Polarity**

- a. Animal Epithelia and Yeast Sex
- b. Cyanobacteria: Unequal Cell Division
- c. Shigella and Listeria: Actin Nucleation
- d. DNA Segregation and Chemotaxis in E. coli
- e. Caulobacter Morphogenesis: A Molecular Beacon
- f. Myxobacterial Differentiation
- g. Cell-Cell Interactions: Embryos and Myxobacteria

## **3. Cell Recognition and Movement**

- a. Bacterial Adhesins
- b. Bacterial Flagella
- c. Mot/Exb Energizers

## **4. Chemoreception and Signal Transduction**

- a. Bacterial Chemotaxis: An Historical Account
- b. Molecular Mechanisms of Activation and Adaption
- c. Swimming vs. Swarming
- d. Emotions, Behavior and Psychic Phenomena

## **5. Sensing Physical Forces**

- a. Thermotaxis
- b. Aerotaxis
- c. Magnetotaxis

## **6. Alternative Types of Bacterial Motility**

- a. Archaeal Flagella
- b. Bacterial Type IV Pili
- c. Social and Adventurous Gliding
- i. Jet Propulsion
- ii. Slime Secretion
- d. Ratchet Structures
- e. Contractile Cytoskeletons

## **7. Molecular Motors**

- a. F- and V-type ATPases
- b. Flagellar Motors
- c. Bacteriorhodopsin
- d. Proton Pumps
- e. Photosynthetic Systems
- f. The 24-Hour Clock (Circadian Rhythms)

## **8. Bacterial Organelles/Machines (Somes)**

- a. Cellulosomes
- b. Exosomes
- c. Carboxysomes
- d. Proteosomes
- e. Chaperonins

## **9. Chemical Communication**

- a. Quorum Sensing
  - i. Between Members of a Species
  - ii. Between Different Species and Phyla
  - iii. Between Different Domains of Life
- b. Intracellular Communication
- c. Protein Secretion Systems

**10. Bacterial Behavior**

- a. Bacterial Altruism
- b. Programmed Cell Death
- c. Bioelectricity via Nanowires
- d. Bacterial Biological Warfare

**11. Overview, Conclusions and Perspectives**