8:00 – 8:50 am  Arrival and Continental Breakfast with Coffee

8:50 – 9:00 am  Introductory Remarks
Bill T. Ameredes, Ph.D., The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
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9:00 – 9:30 am  Autophagy in Lung Diseases
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9:30 – 10:00 am  Viral Infections and Asthma
Roberto P. Garofalo, M.D., The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

10:00 – 10:30 am  Role of Mucins Airway Inflammation and Function
Christopher M. Evans, Ph.D., The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – 11:15 am  Biomarkers in Airway Disease
Bill T. Ameredes, Ph.D., The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

11:15 – 11:45 am  Adenosine Signaling in Lung Diseases
Michael R. Blackburn, Ph.D., The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

11:45am – 12:15pm  Cytokine Receptors and Signals in Lung Inflammation
Margie Moczygemba, Ph.D., Texas A&M Health Science Center

12:15 – 1:00 pm  Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 pm  Fungal Infections in Asthma
David Corry, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine

1:30 – 2:00 pm Glucocorticoid Receptor Function and Lipoxins in Asthma
William J. Calhoun, M.D., The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

2:00 – 2:30 pm  Respiratory/Skeletal Muscle Function in Lung Diseases
Aladin M. Boriek, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine

2:30 – 2:45 pm  Break

2:45 – 3:15 pm  Mucous and squamous differentiation of bronchial epithelium
J. Peter Koo, Ph.D., The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

3:15 – 4:15 pm  Group Discussion:
(1) Potential collaborative research opportunities for Gulf Coast/Texas institutions & investigators
(2) Potential funding opportunities: Program Projects/Research Consortia/Lung Networks
(3) Building the Gulf Coast/Texas Lung Disease Research community over the next 3-5 years

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