

At July 2013 I participated in Collagen Gordon Research Seminar and Conference for the second time in my life. At the first time, I had just started to do my Ph.D. studies and the field of collagen research was moderately foreign to me. Now it was awesome to notice that during the last two years collagen and other extracellular matrix research community had produced many novel extremely interesting findings about how collagens and other ECM proteins act from the tiniest atomic and molecular level via cell culture models to animals in vivo. Furthermore, new observations about the function of ECM proteins and their receptors in diseases were shown at the meeting. As an integrin researcher, I was personally impressed by many research topics, especially the integrin $\alpha 3$ mutations in human disease and the structure of C-propeptide of human procollagen III. The atmosphere of the seminar and conference were relaxed and open for the discussion. It was very stimulating to have great discussions about science with established scientists but also with colleagues of my own age.