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**SLOAN-KETTERING INSTITUTE'S DR. CHRISTOPHER D. LIMA TO SPEAK AT
HAUPTMAN-WOODWARD**

Christopher D. Lima, Ph.D., of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, is slated to lecture at the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute on Thursday, March 20, 2008. He will present his lecture, "Structure and Function of the Eukaryotic RNA Exosome." The lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in the Hauptman-Woodward Flickinger Seminar Suite immediately followed by a networking reception.

Lima is currently a member of the Structural Biology program at the Sloan Kettering Institute. The Lima laboratory studies the structural, biochemical, and functional basis for molecules involved in post-translational protein modification by the ubiquitin-like modifier SUMO and systems that regulate RNA stability, namely RNA 5' processing and RNA decay. Members of his lab are working to determine the functional basis for molecules that participate in these pathways as well as how these pathways function in cancer and during normal cell growth.

Lima received his bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at Ohio State University in 1989 and his Ph.D., in Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology from Northwestern University in 1994. He was a Helen Hay Whitney Postdoctoral Fellow at Columbia University. He joined Sloan-Kettering in 2003 as an Associate Professor and Associate Member and was recently promoted to Full Professor and Member in 2007. He served as director of the graduate program in Molecular, Cell, Developmental and Structural Biology at Weill Cornell Medical College and the Sloan-Kettering Institute from 2001-2007. He is also an editor for the journal *Structure* at Cell Press. Lima has received a number of awards including the Beckman Young Investigators Award, the Dorothy Rodbell Cohen Award for Sarcoma Research, the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Science and Technology, the Louise and Allston Boyer Young Investigator Award, and the Rita Allen Scholars Award.

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