



# CANSSI Ontario STAGE International Speaker Seminar Series: Dr. Mait Metspalu



**Friday  
October 25  
12 – 1pm**

**Daniels Hollywood Theatre**

Hospital for Sick Children  
Room 1246, Black Wing  
555 University Avenue,  
Toronto Ontario

**Post Seminar Discussion  
and Refreshments  
1-2pm**

Rotunda, Black Wing

## Digging genomes for propelling medicine and understanding our past

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Mait Metspalu is the director of the Institute of Genomics at the University of Tartu. His research concentrates on using and developing population genetics approaches to understand the genesis of the genetic diversity patterns of humans through reconstructions of past population movements, splits and admixtures as well as adaptations to local environments (both natural and manmade).

Mait Metspalu studied geography, molecular biology and evolution at the University of Tartu where he also defended his PhD on phylogeography of human mtDNA in South Asia in 2006. In 2012-2013 Mait was a visiting research fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

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