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#### Moc/Bio-Lecture 7

Coordination of Biomolecular functions Gene regulation **DNA** level **RNA** level **Protein level** Intercellsignaling (first messengers) Signaling molecules Receptors Intracellsignaling (second messengers) CAMP **cGMP Phospholipids** 

#### One genome many cell types





#### **Biological outcome is under multilayered biochemical control**

- Transcriptional control
  - DNA level
- Translational control
  - RNA level
- Post-translational (Activity) control
  - Protein level





#### **Coordination of these controls**

Figure 6–21 part 1 of 2. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th Edition.











# **Transcriptional Control**

- Key concepts
  - Regulates the number of mRNA molecules produced
  - Can be enhanced and suppressed
  - Encoded by the noncoding5' upstream region of the gene.





#### Basal transcription factors In response to injunctions from activators, these factors position RNA polymerase at the start of transcription and

initiate the transcription process.

### **Case study Lac operon**



A protein-DNA feedback loop for carbohydrate consumption in bacteria

- 3 functional proteins under 1 promoter
  - Beta galactosidase(LacZ)
  - Transacetylase(Lac A)
  - Lactose permease(Lac Y)
- 1 Repressor protein constitutive expression
  - Binds operator (promoter region) blocks transcription

#### Lac Operon

#### laci promoter





#### Typische polycistronische Genstruktur am Beispiel lac-Operon von E. coli





# **Translational Control**

- Translational stalling and transcription termination
- Trp operon
- RNA processing
  - Polyadenylation(mRNA lifetime)
  - Splicing and alternative splicing
  - Transport regulation
- RNA editing



## **Example Trp operon**





# **Alternative splicing**





## **Alternative splicing**





#### **576 isoforms**

### **mRNA** export regulation

(A) Cytoplasmic surface view

Cytoplasmic ring









# **Post-translational control**

- Protein processing
  - Signal sequences (localization)
  - Preproteinsf olded but not biologically active
- Side chain modification
  - Ser, Thr, Tyrphosphorylation
  - Lysacetylation,ubiquitination
  - Cys, lipidation
  - Glu, methylation, carboxylation



## **Protein localization**







## **Side chain modifications**





#### Intercellular signalling

- First messengers
  - Hormones, peptide or otherwise
  - Nitric Oxide
  - Neurotransmitters
  - etc
- Receptors
  - GPCR's
  - Receptor Protein-tyrosine kinase
  - Ion channel receptors



### **Neurotransmission case study**





#### Ion channels







# Intracellular signaling

- Second messengers
  - cAMP
  - cGMP
  - Phospholipids
  - Ca++
  - Ras, Raf, MAP kinase



### **Case study chemotaxis**









