Dear members of the Department,

We are in full swing for a new academic year. Classes started, our incoming students are settling, our new faculty member Dr. Selena Sagan has opened her lab and is writing grants feverishly, and the energy of all this novelty is starting to permeate to all of us.

In this short intro to the October MIMM Bites, I would like to bring to your attention the ongoing establishment of our Administrative Excellence Centre. In addition to our department, this administrative unit will provide enhanced financial and human resources support to the departments of Biomedical Engineering and Anatomy and Cell Biology. The Centre will be located in the former Genomics/Bioinformatics space on the Duff C floor, off the corridor to the Cafeteria, and will run under the direction of Maria Babiak. Student Affairs will remain within the department and under the Managerial eye of Jennifer DiMassimo. The remaining administrative staff in the Department (Beatrice Doroga, Ireini Ghobri, Claudia Lopez de Castilla (until early November) and Elisa Torres (from November onward) will remain in the Duff 511 office. Altogether, this initiative will provide us with increased administrative support while ensuring optimization of resources and personnel career development.

Although there will be a period of transition, during which I would ask for your patience and understanding, I believe that the benefits of setting up this Centre will be rapidly felt.

Without further due, please enjoy the October MIMM Bites! And let me use this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Joaquin (Quim) Madrenas

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**Publications of the Month**


*RNA Journal*, in press (https://www.landesbioscience.com/journals/rnabiology/article/26542/)


