Dear MIMM members,

There is nothing better than to start the New Year with great news! Thanks to the generosity of our community, the department has received 3 important philanthropic donations that will help us to excel in our academic mission. Here they are in chronological order:

The **Wares Family Fellowship Award in Microbiology and Immunology**. This is a fellowship award given to our department by the Wares Family and aimed at providing matching, seed funding for a postdoctoral fellowship tenured at the laboratory of a primary member of MIMM. The Graduate and Postdoctoral Education Committee will coordinate the granting of this award, the first awardee expected to be announced in mid-late Spring 2014. Stay tuned.

The **Ralph Steinman Science Undergraduate Research Award in Microbiology and Immunology**. This award will provide 2 stipends for summer students to do research in the laboratories of MIMM primary faculty members. The selection committee will be coordinated by the Faculty of Science.

Bequeath from the **Estate of Muriel Radcliffe (Lennard)**. This gift will provide funding for research programs of the department and MDTC. It will also support the establishment of a departmental boardroom and it will help us continue outreach activities.

At this time, I would like to express my wholehearted thank you to all our donors for the honor of their trust. A formal recognition to the donors will take place at the MIMM Annual Gala.

I would also like to thank you all, primary and associate faculty, staff and trainees of the department for your help in fundraising and community outreach activities. I feel extremely fortunate to work with you all.

Enjoy the February Newsletter!

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**Publications of the Month**
