Dear MIMM members,

The Winter term is over, and a new convocation is around the corner. To our graduating students, our most sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future. Wherever life takes you, please keep in touch, let us know of any developments in your career, and drop by whenever in Montreal!

Research momentum is picking up before the summer. Our members have done very well in internal and external awards, including CIHR and FRQS. Congratulations to all.

Let me point out that the first set of changes in the CIHR Open Competition will be piloted in a month and a half with the first deadline (registration phase) for the Foundation Grant Pilot project. Let’s make sure that we nurture an open communication on this initiative, as we are all learning the new procedures. Also, new ideas on the 3-stage application may help us to be more competitive in the transition towards a new process to review applications.

Last, we have received the notification that our Department’s Cyclical Review is schedule for the week of April 13/2015. This review will provide a wonderful opportunity to assess where we, as a department, are and where we are going, and obtain a fair external peer assessment. With 1 year ahead, please keep that week open so that you can participate in the meetings with the external review team.

I wish you a joyful spring plenty of discoveries and also opportunities to enjoy them.

Yours in service,

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Publications of the Month


**FACES OF EXCELLENCE**

**Mr. Nikita Ber – MISA President**

*What do you look forward to when you come to work every day?*

When starting off my work day, I look forward to a new challenge.

*How long have you been with the Department?*

I have been with the department since September 2011.

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BioBar Hours

The Biobar has launched on our website and you can now place your Biobar orders online. The link to the Biobar order form can be found here: [http://www.mcgill.ca/microimm/research/duff-biobar/order-form](http://www.mcgill.ca/microimm/research/duff-biobar/order-form). If you have inquiries about products, an order you placed or about to place, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tom Ringer at tom.ringer@mcgill.ca or at 514-398-3920. The Biobar website will be updated regularly with new information, so please check it regularly.

The operating hours for the BioBar this winter term, will be between 9-12 and 1:30-4.

If you would like to get a list of products available at the BioBar, please contact Tom Ringer at tom.ringer@mcgill.ca.