News of what's happening around MIMM
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CHAIR'S CORNER

A word from the MIMM Chair

Dear MIMMers,

Welcome back everybody! After a very busy year in 2016, I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing and invigorating Holiday break surrounded by family and friends.

As you already know, the Search Committee to recruit the new MIMM Chair was struck last Fall. The Search Committee is composed of 7 members including 3 from our Department (Drs. 

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Wainberg received Distinguished Lecturer Award
Congratulations to Dr. Mark Wainberg on receiving the Gertrude Elion Distinguished lecturer award. This award is a testimony of his accomplishments in the field of infectious disease, in particular HIV/AIDS research.

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

Dr. Sagan receives CRC Tier 2 award
The Canada Research Chairs Program invests approximately $265 million per year to attract and retain some of the
Mara Ludwig (Vice-Dean Academic Affairs, Faculty of Medicine), Jörg Fritz (MIMM), Marina Klein (Department of Medicine), Greg Matlashewski (MIMM), Christine McCusker (Department of Pediatrics), John Orlowski (Chair of Physiology), and Martin Richer (MIMM)). This is a very important time in the history of our Department and it is critical that you voice your opinion. The next MIMM Chair may be in office for the next 10 years. I thus encourage everybody to submit comments about both the expected qualifications of the new Chair and your vision for the future of our Department directly to Dr. Ludwig or to any of the Search Committee members.

The annual MIMM Holiday pot luck party was held on Friday December 16th, 2016 at the Thomson House. Many attendees cooked their best recipes and the event was a great success. Many thanks to MIGSA and the organizers that did a wonderful job again this year. Please stay tuned for more MIMM events for the Winter term (e.g. 5th MIMM Graduate Research Day, Teaching Retreat, MISA Wine and Cheese, Faculty Happy Hour, MIMM Gala).

Finally, I would like to wish everybody a wonderful and successful year in 2017 both personally and professionally.

All the best!

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world’s most accomplished and promising minds. The Minister of Science, Kirsty Duncan, announced over $173 million in funding for 203 new and renewed Canada Research Chairs (CRC) at universities across Canada. Dr. Selena Sagan, representing the Microbiology and Immunology department, received a Tier 2 CRC award in RNA Biology and Viral Infections.

Award Winner for Best Poster
Natalie Giannakopoulou, a PhD Student at McGill who is co-supervised by Drs. Gruenheid and LeMoual, won the Best Poster Award at the McGill University Research Center on Complex Traits Symposium on November 28th and 29th, 2016.

Award Winner for Best Short Talk
Tyler Cannon, a MSc student in the Gruenheid lab, won the Best Short Talk award at the McGill University Research Center on Complex Traits Symposium on November 28th and 29th 2016.
EVENTS

Infection and Immunity Seminar Series
There are no seminars scheduled for the month of January. The next one will be on February 16th with Dr. Jonathan Spicer. Click here for details.

PUBLICATIONS


Yachnin, BJ, Lau, PCK, Berghuis, AM.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

UPDATEs

Annual MIMM Holiday Potluck Party
A Big THANK YOU to all who attended the annual MIMM Holiday Party. A great time was had by the graduate students, Faculty and Staff members in attendance, as they enjoyed the festivities and the spirit of the season. Special thank you to MIGSA for planning this event and making it a huge success!

MiSA’s corner
Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone!