A word from the MIMM Chair

Dear MIMMers,

April is the last month of the Winter term and of the 2016-2017 academic year meaning that the final exam period is fast approaching. While we hope for the arrival of Spring, I wish everybody a very successful end of term and final exam period.

On March 15th, the Department of Microbiology & Immunology participated for the first time in a one-day fundraising

Bravo Gala

14th March, 2017 saw the cream of McGill researchers celebrate their achievements together with their families, friends and colleagues. The gala was hosted by Rosie Goldstein, Vice Principal of Research and Innovation. The winners of major provincial, national and international prizes and scholarships spanning different fields from Mathematics to Anthropology were honoured for their unparalleled dedication to their profession and insatiable quest of exploring the unanswerable.

Award Recipients

We would like to congratulate the following MIMM members for their
campaign called McGill24. This McGill-wide initiative consisted of soliciting potential donors to directly support our Department primarily through email messages and social media. Preliminary calculations indicate that MiMM was supported to the level of $2,645. I would like to thank very much the MiMM organizers and everybody that specifically chose to support our Department. We already received interesting ideas for next year’s campaign and are open to any suggestions you may have to build on our first McGill24 participation.

In March, two important changes happened at the CIHR. The replacement of the President Dr. Alain Beaudet by a basic scientist from our McGill Community, Dr. Roderick McInnes (Director of the LDI) and the retirement of Dr. Jane Aubin as Chief Scientific Officer and Vice-President, Research, Knowledge Translation and Ethics. We all deeply hope that these important changes in the CIHR leadership will lead to significant transformations where the CIHR will finally listen to the Canadian research community that it serves and take our recommendations into consideration in implementing these long requested and needed changes.

The past two weeks were quite difficult for our MiMM Community. The passing of Jessica Yudcovitch, one of our U3 honours students, was a shock to us all. Jessica was a brilliant student and a kind hearted individual. Among her friends and peers, she will be remembered for her contagious laugh, peaceful smile, and unparalleled determination to pursue her dreams. She will forever be in our hearts and will forever be a part of the MiMM Family. I am pleased to share with you achievements. (To view the full list of awardees, click here.)

- Dr. Corinne Maurice:
  CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar
  Canadian Institute for Advanced Research

- Dr. Martin Olivier:
  Wardle Medal
  Canadian Society for Zoology

- Dr. Donald Vinh:
  Canada Young Investigator Award
  Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

- Dr. Mark Wainberg:
  Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Member;
  Gertrude Elion Distinguished Lecturer Award
  International Society for Antiviral Research Lifetime Achievement Award
  Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (AMMI) Canada

Wares Award
The Department of Microbiology and Immunology is pleased to announce the successful recipients of the 2017-2018 Wares Family Postdoctoral Award.

- Marit Orav
- Mohammadali Khan Mirzaei
- Yue Li

Congratulations to all the winners!

UPCOMING EVENTS