Dear Microbiology and Immunology members,

Summer is around the corner. A time when we try to take time off and enjoy life in this city, in this province and abroad. This issue is our last newsletter of the 2012-13 academic year, but we are already planning for the fall issue... Through the newsletter, we have been reaching out to all our members with bits and pieces that happen in our department to ensure that communication remains open and everyone knows of what is going on in this department. It also helps us to build a sense of proud belonging to our department. Please, help us to make this better by providing feedback and content to Ms. Beatriz Kiss (office.microimm@mcgill.ca).

To all, my sincere best wishes for a pleasant, safe and rewarding summer. To those undergraduate students that just graduated and now tackle new endeavours, my best wishes of success. It was very rewarding to see at Convocation how well our students have done. To those undergrads returning in the fall, best wishes for a well deserved break. And to graduate students, post-docs, faculty and staff, my best wishes for a happy, safe and reinvigorating summer. Enjoy this time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Joaquin (Quim) Madrenas

RESEARCH

Publication of the Month


**Note:** For those working towards a CIHR grant submission for Sep 15/13, remember to work on your new common CV. Bugs have been fixed but it still takes time to complete it.

**TEACHING**

The 386 redesign project is funded by the local SALTISE group ([www.saltise.ca](http://www.saltise.ca)). This group includes science educators from local CEGEPs and McGill. Dr. Claire Trottier will be presenting the Department’s plan for the 386 redesign at the annual SALTISE meeting on June 11th. Drs. James Coulton and Samantha Gruenheid will be participating at this conference as well. Dr. Trottier and Dr. Sylvie Fournier will be travelling to London, Ontario in July for the Western Conference on Science Education ([http://www.thewesternconference.ca](http://www.thewesternconference.ca)), where they will be presenting the 386 redesign project. We encourage other interested professors and students to contact Dr. Trottier if they are interested in attending this conference ([Claire.trottier@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:Claire.trottier@mail.mcgill.ca)). This conference brings together post-secondary science educators from across Canada, and will be a prominent platform to showcase the work being done in our Department and learn from other innovators.

**Successful PhD Examinations**

*Rene Pierre Lorgeoux* has successfully defended on May 29th. The title of his thesis was “Multiple roles of DDX17 in Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1 replication”. Congratulations Rene Pierre!
Duff Biobar Updates

Fisher Scientific will be hosting a product show on June 12th, between 9:30-12:00 in rooms 507/509. Multiple suppliers will be participating, so please drop by. Food and beverages will be served.

BioBar Hours, June 25-28
Due to vacation schedules, the BioBar will be closed this week.
July 2-5, The BioBar will be working on reduced hours, open 8:00-10:00 and 13:00-14:00. Materials and reagents in inventory will be available this week. Special orders will be put through the following week.

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

Announcements

Dr. Jack Antel receives the Lifetime Achievement Award
Dr. Jack Antel received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Montreal Neurological Institute’s 8th annual convocation ceremony for all his accomplishments and significant contributions to the field of Neurology. The award is to recognize Dr. Antel’s longstanding and distinguished work to this significant field in Medicine.

MDTC – Microbiome and Disease Tolerance Centre
The McGill Board of Governors has approved The Microbiome and Disease Tolerance Centre and things are on their way.

Daisy Ji- IHI
Daisy Ji won the Governor General’s silver medal.

Natan Bensoussan
Natan Bensoussan, from Dr. James Coulton’s lab won the Canadian Society of Microbiologists Undergraduate Award. He is given a certificate of merit and an award in the amount of $500.

Tom Ying
Tom Ying is an Honours student in Dr. Krawczyk’s lab and won second place in the Ontario Quebec Undergraduate Immunology Conference (OQUIC), held at the University of Toronto.

2nd Annual Undergraduate Gala
On May 25th, MIMM hosted the 2nd Annual Gala, which was a big success, and awards were given to faculty, students and staff. The following awards were given:
Congratulations to all the recipients and keep up the amazing work that you are doing. We are starting to plan next year’s gala and will keep you updated as soon as we have new information.

Extended Office Hours!
As of June 5th, the MIMM Administrative Office will have new office hours: 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday to Friday. The longer office hours will allow us to better serve students and faculty on any academic-related issue as well as provide some added administrative support for those early risers! Our Student Affairs department will be available as follows:

Ireini Ghobri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday to Friday
Jennifer Dimassimo 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday to Friday

The office will remain closed during the lunch hour period of 12pm-1:30pm and will only be accessible via authorized card access.

UPCOMING

Registration is now open: The 9th International Retroviral Nucleocapsid Protein and Assembly Symposium
The 9th International Retroviral Nucleocapsid Protein and Assembly Symposium will be held in Montreal from August 25-28. To contribute to this year’s scientific program, submit your abstract before Monday, July 1st. For more information, please visit http://ncsymposium2013.org/

Save-the-date: MDTC Research & Science Retreat, August 28-29
A Research & Science Retreat will be held at the end of the summer, for MDTC members as well as any faculty member who wishes to participate. The Research retreat would be held off-site (overnight) and include trainees from members’ labs. The retreat would give faculty and trainees time to discuss science and research, possible opportunities for collaboration. Stay tuned for more details!

You are all encouraged to submit any news, grants, papers, awards, pictures, or items that you want to include to our monthly newsletter. We will be happy to share them with the rest of the department. You can email them to office.microimm@mcgill.ca.