FROM THE CHAIR’S DESK

Dear colleagues,

2014 is closing with a Big Bang!

2014 brought new funding and awards for many of our colleagues and trainees. It also brought us very much appreciated philanthropic donations to our department that help us to remain at the cutting edge in financially challenging times.

And we end 2014 rejoicing with the arrivals of Drs. Martin Richer and Mary Stevenson and Ms. Suzanna Rodriguez de Kafadar, and the impending arrival of Dr. Corinne Maurice. Together, they increase our research capacity and bring exciting new ideas, models, approaches, and expertise that will not only enhance our research profile but also bring us all to a new level of achievement.

We say farewell to 2014 with the completion of renovations to our beloved building. Among these renovations, let me single out the establishment of a MIMM lounge on D12. This lounge will nurture many good times over a cup of coffee or lunch, and will invite to idea exchange and new collaborations.

In closing, I invite you to celebrate the Christmas break with family and friends (starting with our Departmental Party at Thomson House on December 4 at 6pm), to enjoy the spirit of the season and live it as an opportunity for rest and recharge in ideas and goals.

May 2015 bring us all plenty of challenges and opportunities and the energy to tackle them to the fullest.

Yours in service,

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RESEARCH

Publications


FACES OF EXCELLENCE

Tom Ringer
Autoclaving/Biobar/Dishwashing Facility

How long have you been with the Department?

I’m just starting my 19th year

What is your job description (short biography)?

I take care of the Bio Bar which is dealing with the sales reps to stock items that are needed on a daily basis. I am also responsible for ordering what I have sold or what the labs ask for. Glass washing and autoclaving facilities and the go to guy for a lot of the department needs.

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

Most of all the people I get to see and talk to regarding all aspects of my job. I enjoy what I do because I have a lot of different tasks to do during the day.

SERVICE

Duff Biobar Updates

BioBar Hours

The operating hours for the BioBar this fall, will be between 8-12 and 1-4.

Don’t forget the Biobar Stocks Useful Lab Supplies such as:

- Kleenex;
- Bleach;
- Gloves;
- Paper Towels;
- Etc.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Professor Mary Stevenson is joining our Department as a Tenured Full Professor, jointly appointed with the Department of Medicine.
- Welcome to Ms Suzana Kafadar de Rodriguez, new Financial Officer at our AEC.
- Merck, Sharpe & Dohme Corporation – McGill Faculty of Medicine Grants for Translational Research. Congratulations to the Primary investigator, Dr Ben Cousineau for securing the award of $200K / 2 years.
- Merck, Sharpe & Dohme Corporation – McGill Faculty of Medicine Grants for Translational Research. Congratulations to the Primary investigator, Dr Connie Krawczyk for securing the award of $42K / 1 year.
- Congratulations to Dr Don Sheppard for his award from the Canadian Glycobiology Network Centre of Excellence.
- Congratulations to Dr Samantha Gruenheid for being featured in the *McGill Tribune* on MIMM 212, the course she developed and coordinates.
- Dr Madrenas was featured in the *Quebec TV Channel Canal Savoir* as well as in the *McGill Student TV*.
- The wait is over!! Please join us for the grand opening of our new MIMM LOUNGE tomorrow December 2nd, 2014 at 11am. Cookies and coffee will be served. Open 24/7, D12 is the new lounge for Faculty, Staff, Grad Students to meet, eat & relax. We hope to see you there!
- There is a new class/conference room available in the Duff: D13.
- There is a binder in RM-511 containing Faculty Positions Postings. Do not hesitate to come and look at it if you are looking for your next job.
- MIMM/MIGSA Holiday Party: December 4th 6pm, Thomson House Basement. To RSVP, [click here](#).

**UPCOMING**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN IMMUNITY AND THE MICROBIOME COMING TO MONTREAL IN 2015.**

As a result of a partnership between Cell Press (Elsevier) and the CIHR Human Immunology, we are proud to announce the celebration of an International Symposium on Human Immunity and the Microbiome in Health and Disease coming up in September 27-29, 2015. For further information, [click here](#).

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.