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# CANNABIS SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM: FROM PLANTS TO PEOPLE

Hybrid (virtual and in-person)—May 12–13, 2022  
McGill University's Macdonald Campus  
Centennial Centre Ballroom  
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 (DAY 1)

<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration and coffee/tea/refreshments; virtual log in</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome and announcements (Day 1)</b> <i>Drs. Carolyn Baglole and Mark Lefsrud</i>
<b>9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Expert Speaker 1:</b> Dr. Don Smith, Plant Science, McGill University
<b>9:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 1: Medical cannabis</b> , chaired by Dr. Nadeem Siddiqui  Dr. Ilse Gantois, McGill University  Zahraa Haidar, McGill University  Martha López-Canul, McGill University  <b>Coffee/tea break</b>  Jasmine Randhawa, McGill University  Emily Wilson, McGill University  MariaLuisa Vigano, McGill University  Dr. Yasmina Hachem, McGill University
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch provided and networking</b>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr. Ethan Russo (Founder/CEO of CReDO Science), <i>Current Research in Cannabis and the Endocannabinoid System (virtual)</i>
<b>2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Expert Speaker 2:</b> Dr. Reza Sharif, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University
<b>2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 2: Analytical Cannabis</b> , chaired by Dr. Salwa Karboune  Philip Wiredu Addo, McGill University  Kelly Light, McGill University  Mohammad Bolouki, McGill University

Ryan Pusiak, University of Ottawa

Mohsen Hesami, University of Guelph

**3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Break**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Three-Minute Thesis Competition**, chaired by Dr. Sarah MacPherson

Alec Vista, University of Saskatchewan

Ambreen, McGill University

Michael Benko, University of Saskatchewan

Justin Bohemen, McGill University

Jung-Hyun Choi, McGill University

Clara Maia, McGill University

Pabitra Das, University of Saskatchewan

Laura Marsal-Garcia, McGill University

Uday Sagili, McGill University

Ankita Srivastava, University of Saskatchewan

Tori Scherle, University of Ottawa

Haleema Tariq, McGill University

Jérôme Trudel-Brais, McGill University

Corrine Dobson, University of Ottawa

## FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022 (DAY 2)

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

**Coffee/tea/refreshments available**

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

**Career Readiness Workshop (virtual)**

Maurizio Calconi, HIGHFIELD Human Capital\*

9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

**Announcements (Day 2)**

*Drs. Carolyn Baglole and Mark Lefsrud*

9:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Raphael Mechoulam, Hebrew University Medical Center  
*Endogenous anandamide-like compounds (virtual)*

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Expert Speaker 3:** Dr. Max Jones, Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Session 3: Plants, chaired by Dr. Mark Lefsrud**

Josephine Payment, University of Ottawa

Marco Pepe, University of Guelph

Cailun Tanney, McGill University

Dr. Jamie Ghossein, University of Ottawa

Kristian Adamek, University of Guelph\*

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch provided and networking**

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Plenary Speaker:** Dr. David Finn, Centre for Pain Research, NUI Galway  
*Cannabinoids, the endocannabinoid system and pain: mechanisms, controversies and future directions (virtual)*

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Coffee/tea break**

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Session 4: Safety, Standards, Community & Policy**

Chaired by Dr. Carolyn Baglole

Dr. Inteaz Alli, McGill University

Vincent Desaulniers Brousseau, McGill University

Noel Galuschik, University of Saskatchewan

Gunel Valikhanova, McGill University\*

Dr. Antonio Vigano, McGill University\*

Dr. Yasmina Hachem, McGill University\*

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Expert Speaker 4:** Dr. Cory Harris, Biology Department, University of Ottawa

**3:30 – 3:45 p.m.**

**Awards and closing remarks**

*Drs. Carolyn Baglole and Mark Lefsrud*

**\*Virtual**