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**Mac Connections**

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It was smiles all around at the end of last week's Faculty Retreat. The day opened with Associate Dean Karboune's impressive environmental scan of the quality and quantity of current faculty research in six thematic areas: (1) Environment, Ecology and Sustainability, (2) Water and Soil and their Sustainable Management, (3) Sustainable Crop and Livestock Production Systems, (4) Safe, Nutritious, and Secure Food Supply, (5) Human Nutrition and Health and Bioproducts and (6) Biomaterials and Bioenergy. Participants then spent the day working in thematic groups to address the pressing research challenges that will impact our society in the coming years.

The Retreat report is expected to be completed by October at which time the Associate Dean (Research) plans to lead discussions with Faculty members to advance the ideas raised at the retreat. A draft Strategic Research Plan will be presented to Faculty for consideration early in 2019.

## Labeling GMO foods: What do we need to know?

## Connections Primer



Connections is a weekly newsletter that aims to inform and strengthen our community in part, by building bridges between people, places and events here at Mac.

The newsletter is published midweek during the academic year and is distributed to Macdonald Campus Faculty, Staff, Post-Doctoral Fellows and Graduate Students as well as to select communications professionals across the University and in the broader community.

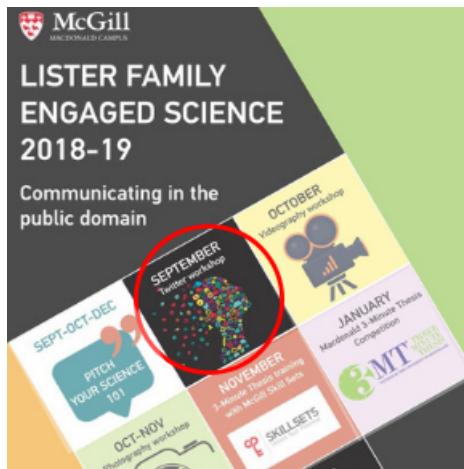
We welcome content suggestions and look forward to serving you this year.



The A. Jean de Grandpré Distinguished Speaker and Seminar Series has teamed up with Food for Thought to bring this signature event to the Macdonald Campus.

Join Dean Geitmann and expert panelists Sarah Berger Richardson and Robert Saik as they demystify the issues concerning the safety of GMO food products in the short and long term, and the regulatory obligations of labeling. [Registration required.](#)

## Communicating in the Public Domain



Now in its third year, the **Lister Family Engaged Science Initiative** is set to offer its most exciting programming yet!

If you want to use Twitter to network with specialists in your field, improve your ability to pitch your ideas in 60 seconds or less, create stunning photos, captivating videos or moving podcasts to share your science – we have a workshop for you. The culmination of November's 3-Minute Thesis Training is the annual 3MT competition which will take place on January 25, 2019. Register now for Sept-Oct events.

[Workshop information and registration forms](#)

## USRA Poster Presentation and Competition Next Week



You're in for a treat next week when 26 of our brightest students compete in the 2018 edition of the Undergraduate Student Research Poster Presentation.

These industrious students have spent the summer with Research Supervisors looking at a wide range of projects representative of the work taking place across the faculty. Some of the projects undertaken include: understanding the interrelationships between diet, genetics and health, improving the quality of big data analytics, developing new food products and deepening our understanding of antibiotic resistance in bovine milk worldwide, improving the nutritional value of oats, understanding how urban landscapes influence heat islands and the impact electric cars will have on mitigating climate change. Come out and learn more about these students and their projects. [Details.](#)



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## Upcoming events

In the next few weeks, this section will be removed from our Newsletter.

All Faculty sponsored events are posted on our [website](#).

Please contact our [Webmaster](#) to your events added to the calendar.

### 6-Sep-18

Ice Cream Social – Macdonald Campus  
Hosted by the McGill and Macdonald Library  
12h00-16h00, Centennial Centre  
All Welcome

### 7-Sep-18

[CFI-10 Information Session](#)  
10h30, Faculty Lounge

[Getting Started @Macdonald Campus Library](#).  
11h30, Macdonald Library  
Registration required

### 9-Sep-18

[Portes Ouvertes sur les Fermes du Québec](#)  
Olympic Stadium  
10h00-16h00  
Macdonald representatives will be at Kiosk 146

### 10-Sep-18

[Undergraduate Summer Research Award](#)  
[Poster Presentation](#)  
16h00, Faculty Lounge

### 11-Sep-18

[Labeling GMO foods – What do we need to know?](#)  
[A Jean de Grandpré Distinguished Speaker Series and Food for Thought](#)  
18h30, R2-046  
Registration required

### 12-Sep-18

[Macdonald Innovation & Entrepreneurship Creative Collaboration Drop-In](#)  
All Faculty, Staff and Students Welcome  
15h00, R1-042

### 13-Sep-18

[Research Ethics and Conduct 2018: Session 1](#)  
10h00, CC Ballroom  
Mandatory for new Graduate Students (Bring your ID)  
Open to all

### 14-Sep-18

[Capillary Electrophoresis – Scientific Principles and Applications](#)  
10h00-15h00, Faculty Lounge  
Free. Registration required

### 15-Sep-18

[TedX Ste.AnneBellevue](#)  
9h45-16h00  
Casgrain Theatre, John Abbott College  
Tickets required

### Naturally, Sainte-Anne

On Campus activities taking place at the Macdonald Campus Farm, Morgan Arboretum Montreal Aviation Museum, Paddle Mac and more  
10h00-16h00

### 16-Sep-18

[Parkinson SuperWalk Montreal](#)  
Macdonald Campus (non-residential areas)  
12h00-16h00



Congrats to the TEDxSainteAnnedeBellevue team led by **Daniel Sutherland FMT'14** (and involving many current and former Macdonald students) on the impressive lineup for the Inaugural TedX Ste. Anne de Bellevue event - The Nonlinear Journey taking place Saturday, September 15th. Get your tickets as they are going fast. For more info visit [event website](#) or the team's Facebook page TEDxSainteAnnedeBellevue.

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