

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES of TWO CANDIDATES FOR CHAIR OF THE MAUT RETIREES SECTION

2019-2021 Term

FOR THE POSITION OF Chair, MAUT Retirees Section

PADJEN, Ante MD, DSc Associate Professor 2019-2021

Trained as musician, physician, and scientist at the University of Zagreb (Croatia), University of Edinburgh (Scotland), University of Geneva (Switzerland) and National Institute of Mental Health, Washington, DC. (USA). In 1976 he joined Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics doing research in neuroscience/neuropharmacology; medical informatics in clinical medicine and medical education (CAI Unit 1983 – 2010); clinical research in alcoholism. Associate Professor (1982 -), retired 2011 but continues teaching and advising students in the Faculty.

Since 1999 engaged in studies and practice of knowledge exchange/translation: Co-founder and vice-chair, Canadian Epilepsy Research Initiative (2001-2009); international projects in science in developing world (Director of Information Services for International Brain Research Organization, 2001-2013, managing international schools of neuroscience, fellowship and other awards), etc.

Founder (1989) and director of *I Medici di McGill*, principal violist in the orchestra. One of the aims of the project: to reinforce the study of the humanities at the Faculty of Medicine. The mission of I Medici is to explore and celebrate many links between music and medicine by performing symphonic works for the community, the University and the Faculty and thus add a unique social dimension to medical education and to the profession. The ensemble is distinctive as an institution at the University bringing together over 65 staff, retired staff, students, alumni and friends for regular social interactions and community outreach and support.

Two years ago, he joined MAUT-RS Committee with an interest to enrich life and satisfy the specific needs of retired colleagues, in collaboration with MURA and MAUT.

COULTON, JAMES Professor Emeritus, Microbiology & Immunology 2019-2021

James Coulton, 40-year member (1979-present) of MAUT, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology, offers an energetic candidacy for active Chair of the RS Committee with accent on good governance; promotion of intellectual and social activities for academic retirees; and regular communication to members. He served on the Retirees' Section (RS; 2016-17) of MAUT until being seconded to the Board of the McGill University Retiree Association (MURA). During his current three-year commitment to MURA, he has advocated financial scrutiny of expenses and stewarded initiatives to promote MURA's visibility. The continued presence and participation of retired members in campus activities will be a focus. Invitation and recruitment of MAUT retirees to the RS will be a top priority. To ensure transparency of expenses and timely reporting, a Treasurer for the RS Committee needs to be appointed. Interest groups with academic focus can be expanded, including partnership with organizations on campus such as the Maude Abbott Medical Museum. A monthly luncheon and lecture series will be convened, featuring McGill members of the Order of Canada and of the Royal Society of Canada. To engage retirees, we need a comprehensive, *what's on@mcgill*, best at the beginning of each semester. Retired faculty members will appreciate being informed of all named lectures and guest seminars for every faculty, unit and department. MAUT-RS will spearhead this initiative, creating a valued, new resource for our members. As Chair, James will encourage the RS Committee to be creative. He also commits to attending the monthly meetings of MAUT Council where the Chair of the RS is an *ex-officio* member, thus ensuring watchful representation for academic retirees.