



WELCOME

Dear Microbiology and Immunology members

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2013-14 Academic Year. In particular, I would like to welcome our new students and trainees who will join us for the next few years and become part of the MIMM team! I look forward to meeting you and sharing with you the excitement of learning and discovery at McGill. Do not hesitate to drop by my office to chat, to share ideas, to let me know how to make the McGill learning experience better and to make our department even better.

The summer months brought us plenty of great news to share. Kudos to all of you for the achievements detailed below.

Our academic year has opened up with a very exciting and invigorating research retreat, under the auspices of the newly established Microbiome and Disease Tolerance Centre (MDTC). This retreat has provided a framework to learn about the research done in the department has renewed the energy of collaborations and has fostered new collaborations among our laboratories. In this sense, the MDTC is acting as a catalyst to bring our research to new levels of excellence.

Last, we are at the early stages of establishing our Administrative Excellence Centre, which includes the Departments of Anatomy and Cell Biology and Biomedical Engineering in addition to ours. This centre will optimize our financial and human resources operations. The Student Affairs portfolios remain within each department. The Associate Director for our AEC is Maria Babiak: congratulations for your promotion! This is not a departure though: Maria will be working with and reporting to the chairs and thus continue to be closely associated with our department.

Sincerely,

Joaquin (Quim) Madrenas



RESEARCH

Publication of the Month

[Mondal D, Huda MM, Karmoker MK, Ghosh D, Matlashewski G, Nabi SG, Kroeger A. Reducing visceral leishmaniasis by insecticide impregnation of bed-nets in Bangladesh. *Emerg. Infect. Dis.* 19:1131-1134, 2013.](#)

[Greg Matlashewski, Vidya Nand Ravi Das, Krishna Pandey, Dharmendra Singh, Sushmita Das, Ayan Kumar Ghosh, Ravindra Nath Pandey, Pradeep Das. Diagnosis of Visceral Leishmaniasis in Bihar India: Comparison of the rK39 Rapid Diagnostic Test on Whole Blood Versus Serum. *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*](#)

[Greg Matlashewski, Ravindra Pandey, Vidyanand Das, Pradeep Das. One More Death from Visceral Leishmaniasis Has Gone by Unnoticed. What Can Be Done? *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*.](#)

