



WELCOME

FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

Dear MIMMers,

February is here with a rather cold start! But the department is “hot” with many activities on the go.

We welcome Dr. Corinne Maurice to our department. Corinne has arrived and is temporarily setting up office in 502A. Her permanent office and space will be in 600. Please, drop by her temporary office to say hello and learn of her exciting research.

In February, barring any change in schedule, we will see the relocation of the Olivier lab and the Sheppard lab to the Glen yards. We will miss them around here! But it is not a goodbye: they will continue to be members of the department and be always welcome! We wish them the best in their new location.

Planning of the Graduate Research Day is underway. I am sure that this day will be a resounding success, combining short talks and posters portraying the great work our trainees do and an exciting Keynote Lecture. Stay tune for details.

Last, the 4th Annual Gala of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology is set for April 10/2015, at the Faculty Club. As in the past, this is a great occasion to celebrate the successes of all our members and party together! Stay tuned for details about tickets.

Yours in service,

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RESEARCH

Publications

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FACES OF EXCELLENCE

Dr Martin Richer Assistant Professor

How long have you been with the Department?

I joined the department on October 1st 2014, although this was a return for me since I was an undergrad in this department.



What is your job description (short biography)?

I'm an Assistant Professor.

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

I'm really excited about the challenges of establishing my own research group! As my lab is starting to grow I am looking forward to interacting with young scientists and the opportunity to help shape their scientific careers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As of January 1st, 2015, Dr Corinne Maurice is joining our Department as an Assistant-Professor Tenure Track.
- 100 undergrads join the fight against superbugs. Read the [McGillREPORTER!](#) Congratulations to Dr Gruenheid and the students! You may also read about Research project engages undergraduates in research in [THE MCGILL TRIBUNE.](#)
- Thanks to Drs Maurice, Matlashewski and Richer for presenting at the MISA Soup and Science: Dr Maurice talked about microbial physiology and metabolism in the human gut microbiome, and the importance of phages; Dr Matlashewski talked about what we have learned from the recent Ebola Outbreak; and Dr Richer presented on the regulation of effector and memory CD8 T cell responses by inflammatory cues.
- There is a new class/conference room available in the Duff: D13. D13 can accommodate up to 21 people and is AV equipped.



Aero View Postcards

Congratulations to Jason Zou for having identify the date of the Postcards: **CIRCA 1921!**



UPCOMING

GALA 2014.

Save the date! The Gala 2015 will take place on April 10th. Voting for the graduate, undergraduate and departmental awards will open mid-February...Stay tuned!!!

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.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MICROBIOLOGY

To register for the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Microbiology, [click here](#). The meeting is June 15-18 at the University of Regina. The abstract submission opens February 15th and closes March 31st and the deadline for "early bird" submission is April 30th.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF IMMUNOLOGY

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