



## FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

Dear MIMMers,

March CIHR grant submissions are done! Looking forward to:

- 1 week ahead: Reading week.
- 2 weeks until deadline for the Wares Family Post-Doctoral Fellowship Application Deadline (March 13, 2015).
- 3 weeks until spring! (March 21, 2015). It has been a rather cold February, the coldest in the last 100 years...
- 4 and a bit more weeks until Easter.
- 5 weeks until the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MIMM Gala (April 10, 2015)! Buy your tickets soon.
- And 6 weeks until the Departmental Cyclical Review (April 13-14, 2015).



Enjoy our March 2015 Newsletter.

Yours in service,

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## RESEARCH

### Publications

1. McCall LI, Zhang WW, Dejgaard K, Atayde VD, Mazur A, Ranasinghe S, Liu J, Olivier M, Nilsson T, **Matlashewski G**. [Adaptation of Leishmania donovani to Cutaneous and Visceral Environments: in Vivo Selection and Proteomic Analysis.](#) *J Proteome Res.* 2015 Feb 6;14(2):1033-59. doi: 10.1021/pr5010604. Epub 2015 Jan 13.
2. **Peres AG, Stegen C**, Li J, Xu AQ, **Levast B**, Surette MG, **Cousineau B, Desrosiers M, Madrenas J**. [Uncoupling of pro- and anti-inflammatory properties of nasal isolates of Staphylococcus aureus.](#) *Infect Immun* 2015 Feb 2. pii: IAI.02832-14. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 25644014.
3. Aumentado-Armstrong TT, Istrate B, **Murgita RA**. [Algorithmic approaches to protein-protein interaction site prediction.](#) *Algorithms Mol Biol.* 2015 Feb 15; 10:7. doi: 10.1186/s13015-015-0033-9. eCollection 2015.



## ACES OF EXCELLENCE

### Patrick Lypaczewski Trainee

*How long have you been with the Department?*

Including undergrad it has been 5 years. 2 otherwise.

*What is your job description (short biography)?*

I just transferred from the M.Sc. program to Ph.D. so a grad student but working in a small lab I have to do a bit of everything. A lot of people already know I fix things on the side whether it's a computer or a centrifuge. I'm also part of MIGSA where we try to improve student life through projects such as the frequent BBQ outings, movie nights, mentoring and free coffee for graduate seminars. Lastly, I'm the student representative on the Core Facilities Committee which handles maintenance and upgrades of common equipment. Lately we have focused on cleaning up D5 and upgrading the computers controlling the various scientific tools in that room.

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

The people I get to work with. Both in my own lab and in the Duff in general. I get to interact with great people. Every day is different, and that's what I love.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Using tattoo needles to deliver medicine:** in the lead story of the most recent episode of *Le code Chastenay*, Dr Olivier as well as Caroline Martel, a research assistant in his lab, talk about their approach to treating leishmania using tattoo needles. **View the episode here.**
- Philippe Leblanc, a former doctoral student in Dr Maya Saleh's lab in the Complex Traits Group who graduated in 2014, has had a paper designated as one of the best of 2014 published by the Journal of Biological Chemistry (JBC). Philippe's paper is titled "An immunogenic peptide in the A-box of HMGB1 protein reverses apoptosis-induced tolerance through RAGE receptor." JBC editors selected only 21 papers from thousands that were published last year. They chose one paper for each of the **JBC's affinity groups** and Philippe's represents the **Immunology Affinity Group.**
- Dr James Coulton will be retiring on March 31, 2015. He will become Professor Emeritus as of April 1, 2015 and will continue to be located at office 403 until March 31, 2016. Congrats James!
- Adam Peres paper, referenced above, was selected by the Editors to be featured in the Spotlight section of the Journal, as a paper of significant interest.
- *Special announcement from Dr. Richer:* "Please join us in celebrating our new(ish) lab. Come by to meet new members of the Richer Lab. Friday March 13th 3-5PM, Duff 406. Refreshments will be provided!"

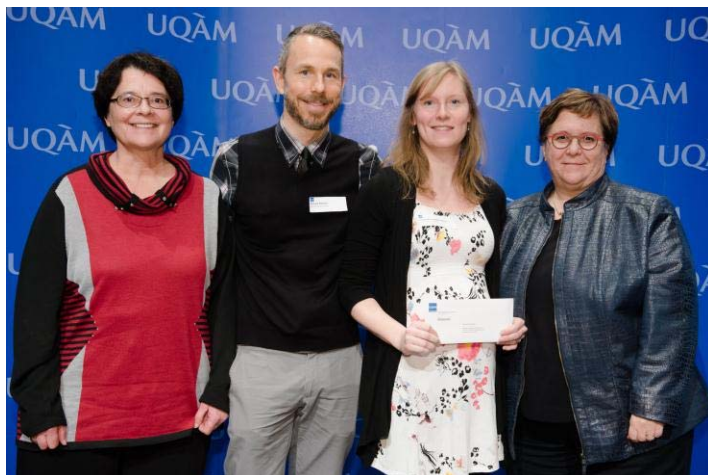


- A special big THANK YOU to all our donors. Their contribution was publicly acknowledged and is sincerely appreciated.



The Steinman family with the 2014 SURA Steinman awardee An Qi Xu.

- Congratulations to our Senior Administrator, Patrick Ritchie. Patrick was the winner of one of the two Academic Excellence Awards Claire-Asselin at UQAM in the amount of \$2 500. This award recognizes excellence in both his Degree in Translation (McGill University) and his Certificate in Revision (UQAM). Good job Patrick!





## UPCOMING

### **GALA 2015.**

Save the date! The Gala 2015 will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Voting for the graduate, undergraduate and departmental awards are open. Stay tuned and check out your emails for ticket information!!!

### **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](#).

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> and closes March 31<sup>st</sup> and the deadline for "early bird" submission is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **CANADIAN SOCIETY OF IMMUNOLOGY**

To register for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual CSI Conference (June 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Winnipeg), [click here](#).

## SERVICES

### **Duff Biobar Updates**

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