



FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

Dear MIMMers,

The 2014-15 academic year is coming to an end. A new group of students are getting ready for graduation and the new challenges coming after that achievement. To all of them, and on behalf of all the departmental members, our congratulations and best wishes for success.

This time of the year provides an opportunity for planning. In terms of research, I would like to encourage you to explore the new CIHR opportunities coming to us. Barring any last minute change, there will be a second Foundation Scheme Live Pilot competition (with similar timelines in terms of stages as with the first one) and also, a first Project Scheme Pilot for early 2016. Details for these competitions will be provided as soon as they become available. To learn more about these competitions, **please click here**.

Along these lines, don't be shy to provide feedback to CIHR and to the public about the upcoming changes and the new strategic plan of CIHR. I have already gone out with other scholars to raise some concerns on these issues. See the article in the ***Canadian Medical Association Journal***.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the 4th Annual Departmental Gala at the Faculty Club on April 10, 2015 at 6pm. Better than ever before, the gala is a celebration of excellence and achievement by all MIMMers during a great 2014! Tickets are available from Mr. Patrick Ritchie at the departmental office.

Last, please get ready for the departmental external cyclical review on April 13 and 14/2015. Itineraries have been circulated already. If you did not receive one and would like to participate please, contact Maria Babiak.

Enjoy April!

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Publications

1. Cloutier M, Gauthier C, Fortin JS, Genève L, Kim K, Gruenheid S, Kim J, Thibodeau J. ER egress of invariant chain isoform p35 requires direct binding to MHCII molecules and is inhibited by the NleA virulence factor of enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli. *Hum Immunol*. 2015 Feb 27. pii: S0198-8859(15)00074-9. doi: 10.1016/j.humimm.2015.02.002.
2. Gagnon A, Acosta JE, Madrenas J, Miller MS. Is Antigenic Sin Always "Original?" Re-examining the Evidence Regarding Circulation of a Human H1 Influenza Virus Immediately Prior to the 1918 Spanish Flu. *PLoS Pathog* 2015 Mar 5;11(3):e1004615. doi: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1004615. eCollection 2015 Mar. PubMed PMID: 25742615; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4351064.

