



FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

May is here!

Exams are over. Our graduating students are busy with convocation and the necessary steps for their next challenge, be a job, be further training, or just a break. To all of them, and on behalf of the departmental faculty and staff our best wishes. Good luck and keep in touch!

Welcome also to the first class of the newly minted BSc/MSc program. This new program is a way to fast track into graduate studies by providing (paid!) research opportunities during the summer after U2 and continuing into U3 and a full year of MSc research. This first year, six students have been accepted in this program in our department. To all of them and to their supervisors, congratulations, good luck and best wishes for great discoveries.



Do not forget to register for our upcoming Graduate Research Day ([click here](#)). It will be a fantastic setting to showcase and learn about the cutting edge research done by the terrific MIMM grad students and postdocs. The day will feature Dr. John Brumell from the University of Toronto as keynote speaker. John is an emerging star in the field of Infection and Immunity and his talks are truly amazing. Don't miss it.

Last but not least, keep your eyes open for an upcoming announcement on student and postdoc awards to attend the Cell-CHIN International Symposium on Human Immunity and the Microbiome on September 27-29, 2015 in Montreal. These awards will cover the full registration to attend this conference and meet with the global leaders in the field.

Without further delay, enjoy the May Newsletter!

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Publications

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