



FROM THE CHAIR'S DESK

Dear MIMMers,

Welcome to the 2015-16 academic year: the 84th year since the establishment of our Department!

On the shoulders of our history, we welcome especially the incoming class of undergraduate and graduate students. They are truly representative of the best and brightest students all across the globe. Just as an example, let me mention Aditya Mohan. He is the recipient of a Schulich Scholarship, one of the most prestigious scholarships in Canada. He comes from Ottawa and has already done research into HIV (for which he won a 2014 Manning Young Canadian Innovator Award and the 2015 Sanofi BioGenius National Challenge), algal biofuels and oncology, exploring oncolytic viruses. Aditya was recently named a Top 20 Under 20 recipient by Plan Canada. We are proud to have recruited him to our program. Welcome Aditya!

For the incoming class of students, meet your MISA and MIGSA reps at the end of this Newsletter.

Summer has not been an idle period as you will see by the honors, awards and publications of our members. It is very exciting to see how we continue to build our MIMM as a hub of discovery and innovation, generating new knowledge and also exploring its translation for the benefit of society. It is essential that we prepare ourselves to the new landscape of research funding.

Last, a short reminder about the **International Symposium on Human Immunity and the Microbiome** that we co-organize with Cell Press (Elsevier) and the Canadian Human Immunology Network (CHIN). It will take place in the Hotel Bonaventure Montreal, **on September 27-29, 2015**. There are a few places still available to participate in what will be a fantastic opportunity to hear and interact from the leaders in Human Immunology and Microbiome studies. Contact me if you are interested to attend.

Yours in service,

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Publications

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