



CHAIR'S CORNER



New Chairman: Dr. Benoit Cousineau !

Dear MIMMers,

As you probably all know by now, I accepted a 1-year mandate to serve our Department as the Interim Chair. The coming year will be an important transition period for our Department and I will do everything I can to keep our momentum and make this transition as smooth as possible. However, the future of our Department is everybody's responsibility so I am counting on all of

ANNOUNCEMENTS



McGill labs find new ways to target resistant bacteria

[Dr. Albert Berghuis](#) and [Dr. Samantha Gruenheid](#) are working to find interdisciplinary solutions against antibiotic resistance. The rigorous study proposes the mechanism and shape of a protein which causes resistance. Usually, bacteria respond to an antibiotic threat by producing proteins to inactivate the drugs. As those proteins are only needed when the bacteria are under threat, their production depends upon the presence of that threat. [Read more.](#)

EVENTS

you MIMMers to contribute to our common success. We are stronger as a group than individually. We inherited a solid departmental organization, put in place by our previous Chair, so my overall goal is to use this amazing structure as a stepping stone to build for the future.

At this point, we have to acknowledge and underline the excellent work that Dr. Madrenas did as our departmental Chair over the past 5 years. We all witnessed the great efforts and the dedication of Dr. Madrenas for our Department. The MIMM Department is without a doubt in better shape today as a result of his leadership. Quim, on behalf of everybody in MIMM, thank you very much for everything you did for our Department. We wish you all the best in your new exciting professional challenge.

As the 2016-2017 academic year just started, please join me in welcoming the new cohort of incoming undergraduate and graduate students to our Department. They come from different horizons and bring with them a wonderful breath of fresh air. We are extremely happy and honored that they chose the MIMM Department at McGill to continue their academic training and we wish them great success.

Please also join me in welcoming to our Department, Dr. Jacques Archambault that comes to us from Institut de Recherche Clinique de Montréal (IRCM). Dr. Archambault is an accomplished scholar and recognized authority in the field of Virology. His expertise in research, teaching and administration is a wonderful asset to our Department. Jacques, we are privileged that you chose the MIMM Department at McGill to



Infection and Immunity Seminar Series

The [Department of Microbiology and Immunology](#) hosts its annual seminar series where prominent national and international scientists are invited to present their research within the scope of infection and immunity. The objective of this series is to allow interaction between graduate students and post-doctoral fellows and world-renowned investigators in the field of infection and immunity. The forum also provides participants with the unique opportunity to speak with outstanding scientists and colleagues, thus establishing a basis for future career opportunities and collaborations. This month's guest speakers are:

Dr. Gregory Sonnenberg
Dr. Laurent Chatel-Chaix
Dr. Helene Decaluwe

Click here for [more details](#) regarding the seminars series.



CETI Symoisium

Center of Excellence in Translational Immunology (CETI) is organizing a symposium on, 'Immune-mediated diseases in humans: from gene discovery to treatment' on December 16, 2016.

[Check details.](#)

pursue your academic career.

Welcome to your new home!

Yours,
Ben

ACHIEVEMENTS



Piccirillo lab received CIHR grant

[Dr. Ciriaco A. Piccirillo](#)'s lab received a 2M\$ CIHR grant which will study the molecular basis of T cell dysfunction throughout the course of human type 1 diabetes.

PUBLICATIONS

Boukhaled, G. M., Cordeiro, B., Deblois, G., Dimitrov, V., Bailey, S. D., Holowka, T., Domi, A., Guak, H., Chiu, H. H., Everts, B., Pearce, E. J., Lupien, M., White, J. H., and Krawczyk, C. M. (2016). "The Transcriptional Repressor Polycomb Group Factor 6, PCGF6, Negatively Regulates Dendritic Cell Activation and Promotes Quiescence." *Cell Rep* 16(7): 1829-1837. [Read article](#).

Hang L., Blum AM., Kumar S., Urban JF Jr., Mitreva M., Geary TG., Jardim A., Stevenson MM., Lowell CA., Weinstock JV. (2016). "Downregulation of the Syk Signaling Pathway in Intestinal Dendritic Cells Is Sufficient To Induce Dendritic Cells That Inhibit Colitis." *J Immunol*. 197(7):2948-57. doi: 10.4049/jimmunol.1600063. [Read article](#).



Montreal Immunology Meetings: Happy Hour

The 8th and 9th MIM Happy Hour will take place on October 04, 2016 and December 06, 2016, respectively. All immunology enthusiasts from Montreal, including students, researchers, professors and clinicians are invited to attend this event. More details ([English](#) or [French](#)).



MIMM Career Day

Not sure what to do after grad school? Come and listen to our panel of experts describe their experiences in a variety of career paths on October 27, 2016 9:30-1:30 in the Amphitheater of the Duff Medical Building.

[Contact us](#) for more information.



McGill Open House

Thousands of students, family and friends from around the world visit during the McGill Open House. They spend the day touring the campus, listening to presentations, and speaking with faculty

Le Moual, H. (2016). "Microbiota-derived metabolites modulate tissue homeostasis: relevance to the oral cavity?" *Oral Diseases* 22(5), 350-352. doi: 10.1111/odi.12477. [Read article.](#)

Nobis, C.C., Labrecque, N., Cermakian, N. (2016). "Circadian control of antigen-specific T cell responses." *ChronoPhysiology and Therapy*, 6:65–74. [Read article.](#)

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS UPDATES



MISA Café - Coming soon!

Hello everyone! We hope that you are all enjoying the fall weather. As midterm season approaches, come by the MISA office (room 423) to buy NTCs for MIMM 211, 323, 324 & 465. We are open Monday through Friday from 10:30 - 4:30. We wish you all the best of luck on your upcoming exams, assignments and projects! On another note, keep an eye out for the opening of the MISA Café! We are currently working with the administration to provide you all with coffee and baked goods in the near future! Stay tuned!



MIGSA Pub Crawl

Save the date: October 20 2016
MIGSA will be hosting for graduate students and PDFs. Come join us as we visit 5 bars in downtown Montreal! More details to follow in early October.

and student representatives as they learn about McGill Undergraduate, Graduate and Continuing Education opportunities. McGill's next Open House will take place on Sunday, October 30, 2016 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the downtown campus in Montreal. [More info.](#)

RESOURCES



Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship

The [Delta Kappa Gamma Society](#) is a professional honorary society of women educators. DKG promotes professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education. The World Fellowship Fund was established to provide opportunities for women from foreign countries to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the United States. Registered, full-time Masters and Doctoral students are eligible to apply for this fellowship. Moreover, the applicants must be female, and cannot be a citizen or landed immigrant of Canada or the United States or a Delta Kappa Gamma member. [More info.](#)

SERVICES



Duff Biobar Updates

FACE OF THE MONTH



Lana Kobeici - Face of the Month

Tell us about yourself (education, work/academic experience, etc.)

I studied economics, have worked in the public and private sectors in communications, logistics, marketing and in client relations, in St. John's, Ottawa, Toronto and now Montreal.

What do you do at MIMM?

I am MIMM's Senior Administrative Coordinator.

In a nutshell, I oversee the day-to-day operations of the department. This includes:

- Organizing events & meetings
- Assisting the Chairman
- Managing the communications and announcements (email, monitors, website)
- Being the resource person regarding the department's policies and procedures

Share interesting facts about yourself

- I like completing challenges, enjoy surprises and love adventures.

The Biobar stocks useful lab supplies including Kleenex, bleach, gloves, and paper towels at competitive prices. BioBar operating hours are from Monday to Friday: 8:00 -12:00 & 1:00 -4:00pm.

[More information.](#)



Jobs Available!

Still looking for a job? Visit the postings available [online](#) or have a look at the job binder located in Room 511 of the [Duff Medical Building](#).



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- I recently completed my first full marathon on September 25th- 42 km where I ran through a wide range of emotions (hence the picture!).
- One of my biggest and most memorable adventure was to travel around the world for 14 months and exploring 18 countries in 3 continents.



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