



## CHAIR'S CORNER



### Happy Holidays!

Dear MIMMers,

The arrival of colder weather and the first snowfall are clear signals that the final exam period is upon us and the fall term is almost over. Hang in there, we can all see the light at the end of the tunnel.

A November tradition in our McGill community is the annual [Centraide campaign](#). As the Holiday Season is fast approaching, we have to keep in mind that some people in our community are in dire need of our support. Last year,

## ACHIEVEMENTS



### MIMM won First Prize in Poster Presentation

Félix LaRoche-Johnston, Caroline Monat, Samy Coulombe and Dr. Benoit Cousineau won the First prize in Molecular Biology Poster presentation on, "Capture of mRNA fragments at the splice junction of bacterial group II introns" in the 19th annual Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduate Research Conference at Concordia University.



### ASTMH Fellow

[Dr. Mary Stevenson](#) became a Fellow of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) at the 65th Annual ASTMH meeting held November 13-17, 2016 in Atlanta, GA.

McGill ran a record-breaking campaign in support of Centraide, raising more than \$50,000 over and above our goal of \$475,000 – for a grand total of \$525,607. Why Support Centraide?

How do you choose between rent and food? How do you stay concentrated in school with an empty stomach? Poverty and social exclusion are daily realities for about one out of six people and about one out of five children in Greater Montreal. Please join your fellow faculty, students, and staff in making a donation to a [vast network of community agencies](#) supported by Centraide. All of these organizations help vulnerable individuals and families on the Island of Montreal, in Laval, and on the South Shore.

On Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we held our first Faculty Happy Hour. The venue was well attended and the evening was a great success highlighted by good stories and laughter. If you are disappointed you missed it, stay-tuned as we are planning on organizing another gathering in the winter term after everybody has recovered from the Holiday period. I certainly hope everybody will consider joining us at the next outing.

This year, the annual MIMM Holiday pot luck party will be held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Thomson House. Cook your best recipe and come join the party.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and best wishes for 2017. I hope you have a relaxing and joyful Holiday break surrounded by your loved ones.

All the best,



### Presentation on HIV

**Adam Hassan** presented at the Journée des Étudiants du Réseau SIDA et Maladies Infectieuses de la FRSQ on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The conference was held by various Master's, PhD and post-doctoral students who worked on HIV. Adam was the only undergraduate research student who worked in Dr. Mark Wainberg's lab.

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## EVENTS



### Infection and Immunity Seminar Series

The [Department of Microbiology and Immunology](#) hosts its annual seminar series where prominent scientists are invited from world over to present their research within the scope of infection and immunity. The objective of this series is to allow interaction between undergraduate, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows and a world-renowned investigator 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

