Dear MIMM Community,

Happy New Year. I hope that the break allowed some time to relax and recharge. Although the public health situation is not currently what anyone would have hoped for to start the Winter 2022 term, my sincere hope is that things will improve as this year progresses.

One key skill we are all acquiring

**Reminder: MIMM Scientific Art Contest**

The MIMM department invites the MIMM community to get creative! Submit a Journal cover art and/or other artistically striking and visually appealing scientific images from your own research for the MIMM Scientific Art contest. It could be photos, digital designs, or any other type of science/research-based creative concept. We want your talents to be showcased in the department.

**Format:** The artwork should be a high-quality image so it can be printed and framed. Please include the names you would like to include on the acknowledgments, which will be added to the framed version of those selected.

**Who can participate:** MIMM Community (Undergraduate students, Graduate students, Postdocs, Faculty and Staff members).

**Prizes:** Gift cards and MIMM branded clothes
during this pandemic is the ability to deal with uncertainty. Indeed, even now, there is uncertainty as to what this term will look like, and the situation is changing day-by-day. What I can tell you is that the Department, Faculty and University are using two guiding principles in planning: the safety of our community and the quality of our programs. As of this writing (January 12th), the government and university plan is to resume in-person teaching activities by the end of this month, with some exceptions (large lectures). Research is currently continuing as it did in the Fall. For administration, the current directives are to work from home if possible. There might be changes to these plans as the situation evolves. As I have done throughout the pandemic, I will make sure to communicate any pertinent information to the Department in a clear and timely manner. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for updates.

Thank you all for your enormous efforts as we continue to navigate these challenging times. I wish you all a healthy and productive 2022.

Dr. Samantha Gruenheid
MIMM Interim Chair

Deadline: January 31, 2022
Send your submissions with the subject “MIMM Scientific Art Contest” to Lana Kobeici at office.microimm@mcgill.ca

Publications


to enter the MIMM Scientific Art Contest!

Dr. Greg Matlashewski: honoured by the Royal Society of Canada

Greg Matlashewski’s research has been influential in the field of neglected tropical diseases. His research on leishmaniasis, a deadly parasitic disease, has resulted in better surveillance of cases in India, Nepal and Bangladesh, a better treatment for cutaneous leishmaniasis in Peru and the development of a vaccine soon to enter clinical trials. This research has impacted upon thousands of people in the developing world.


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**New member joined the tech team**

[Tuana Mesquita](#) has joined the MIMM tech team as a Course Technician. She will work closely with the lab course coordinators and will help set up laboratory courses for the Fall and Winter terms. She will ensure that all experiments work as anticipated. Join us in welcoming her to the team.

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