MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

As 2019 gets underway, I thought you all may be interested in a recent article published in the Economist from Professor Steve Pinker who is a graduate from McGill and a Distinguished Professor at Harvard.

Professor Pinker makes 2 important points:
1) Things are better than we know;
2) To get an accurate picture of the world, you have to count.

Hope the article makes you more optimistic about 2019!

Dr. Greg Matlashewski

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF CHANGES

- We wish Elisa Torres, secretary in the MIMM administrative office, well as she is on her maternity leave and would like to take a moment to thank her for all her support in the department. We are currently in the process of hiring her replacement. Updates on the new hire will be communicated in the near future.
- Ana Reinoza took on the role of Academic Affairs Administrator in AEC2.
- Nancy Brault joined the AEC2 team in the role of HR administrator.
Follow the trendlines

Dr. Mark Mimee will be visiting from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and will be giving a seminar on "Genetic Technologies to Engineer and Study the Microbiome"

Seminar Date: February 21 2019 at 11:30am
Location: Duff Amphitheatre.

For more information, follow this link

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IS MOVING

The office will be moving back to room 511 in the Duff building on February 11th.
Services on that day will be interrupted. If there is a delay in the move, we will keep you informed.

PUBLICATIONS

Alonso da Silva Lira Filho and Martin Olivier.
Culprit within a culprit: *Leishmania* exosomes as an ancient viral disguise technique.

**4th CONFERENCE OF THE CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CHRONOBIOLOGY**

An exciting and diversified program about various aspects of biological rhythms!

**Conference Date:** May 26-28, 2019  
**Location:** McGill University (New Residence Hall)  
Abstract submission deadline: February 28, 2019

For information about the program, registration and abstract submission:  
[www.chronobiocanada.com/cscevent](http://www.chronobiocanada.com/cscevent)

For questions, contact the Chair of the CSC 2019 organizing committee,  
Dr. [Nicolas Cermakian](mailto:nicolas.cermakian@mcgill.ca)

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**A MESSAGE FROM MISA**

The MISA office is now open for the winter semester and we are selling NTCs for MIMM 214, 314, 413, and 466. You can purchase these for $10 a set or $40 per course in the MISA office, room 423. The office is open:  
*Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays from 11:30-2:30pm*  
*Wednesdays from 10:30-3:30pm*  
*Thursdays from 12:30-3:30pm*

This February, we have several events planned:  
Feb. 2: We will be participating in the [Relay for Life](https://www.relayforlife.ca), a charity event to

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**Kervezee, L., Cuesta, M., Cermakian, N., Boivin, D.B.**  
PMID: 30621487
raise funds for cancer research. Feb. 5: We will be holding a charity cookie decorating event at ECOLE from 3:30-6:00pm.
Feb. 13: We will be hosting a bake sale in the Duff lobby to raise funds for this year's gala.

To stay up to date and informed on all the events we have planned, make sure to:
- Check out the [MISA calendar](#)
- Subscribe to our [calendar](#)
- Follow our [Facebook group](#) or [Instagram](#)
- Check out [our website](#)

**Date:** May 31 2019  
**Location:** Palmer Amphitheatre, McIntyre Building McGill University  
**Gust Speaker:** Dr. Emma Allen-Vercoe  
[Click here for more information](#).

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**Duff Biobar Updates**
The Biobar stocks useful lab supplies including Kleenex, bleach, gloves, and paper towels at competitive prices.  
**Operating hours:**  
Monday to Friday  
8:00 -12:00 & 1:00 -3:30.  
Room 514  
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