

Message from the Chair, Dr. Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Pflücker

You too could be wearing official Immunology T-shirts or hoodies, just like the ones our Easton Seminar speakers are receiving this year. How? See below in the IMMSA section. As noted in the IGSA section, the Department's holiday party is just around corner, which as we all know is the social event of the year, with this in mind, I wanted to remind all to start thinking about nominations for the Miller and Cinader awards; a formal notice will be sent out shortly.

SPECIAL SEMINARS

Fumio Takei, PhD
Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
University of British Columbia
Senior Scientist, Terry Fox Laboratory
BC Cancer Agency

(Host: Dr. James Carlyle)

"Natural helper cells and type 2 immunity."

Friday, December 7, 2012
3:00 p.m.
Room 4279, Medical Sciences Building
University of Toronto

Brian J. Ward, MSc; MDCM; DTM&H
Associate Professor
McGill University
Montreal General Hospital
Montreal, Qc

(Host: Dr. David Kelvin)

"The Anti-Viral Effects of Retinoids."

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
3:00 p.m.
Room 4171 Medical Sciences Building
University of Toronto

UPCOMING SEMINARS

EASTON SEMINARS –

December 2012

Room 2172 MSB at 11:10 a.m.

December 3, 2012

- David Brooks, PhD
"Deciphering the connection between innate immunity, chronic immune activation and viral persistence"
(Host: Dr. Tania Watts)

December 10, 2012

- Pamela Schwartzberg, MD, PhD
"Regulating Lymphocyte interactions: lessons from a primary immunodeficiency"
(Host: Dr. Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Pflücker)

December 17, 2012

- Marcel A. Behr, MD, MSc
"NOD2 and mycobacteria"
(Host: Dr. Dana Philpott)

GRADUATE SEMINARS –

December 2012

Room 3171 MSB at 10:00 a.m.

December 3

- Fei Linda Zhao (Dunn, S.)
- Miho Tanaka (Carlyle, J.)

December 10

- Louis Zhen Wei (Paige, C.)
- Xuhao Ben Wang (Fish, E.)

December 17

- Shabab Ali (Ehrhardt, G.)
- Simon Wing Mun Eng (Yeung, R.)

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CONGRATULATIONS

PhD

Radia Johnson (Guidos Lab) October 12, 2012

Sara Suliman (Guidos Lab) October 30, 2012

MSc

Madonna Peter (Letarte Lab) – October 9, 2012

Reclassification / Qualifying Exams

Ben Wang (Fish lab) – October 10, 2012

DEADLINES/REMINDERS

Integrity in Research Workshop for First Year, Doctoral Stream MSc and PhD Students in Medicine (Mandatory)

Space is limited so we ask everyone to sign up ahead of time. All students attending will be asked to sign-in on the day of the workshop and attendance lists are sent to each department. Please register at the link below for either the **November 16th** or **November 28th** workshop.

<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/graduate/gradethics.htm>

Awards

OGS: Online application will be available via SGS shortly, internal deadline TBA. Email to follow.

CIHR CGSM: Department Deadline: Monday, November 19th, 2012, 10AM

IGSA

UPCOMING IGSA EVENTS

Monday's throughout November - Movember Fundraising

Movember is once again upon us and the ruggedly handsome men of Immunology are growing out their facial hair in support of men's health. Immunologists looking to support the Mo Bros can donate to members of Team Immunostachio every Monday during the student seminars or through their Movember Canada website: <http://ca.movember.com/team/600333>.

November 21st - AGO Visit

Looking to culture something other than cells? Join up with your fellow Immunologists at the AGO to take in the works of Frida and Diego. More information on the exhibit can be found here:

<http://www.ago.net/frida-diego-passion-politics-and-painting>.

Location: AGO

Cost: Partially subsidized

RSVP: Alessandra [alessandra.ferzoco@sri.utoronto.ca]

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November 27th - Movember Pub

Don't forget to come out to the Movember Pub to judge the best 'stache and wet your own whiskers.

Location: The Labyrinth

Cost: Free!

Time: 7:00pm

Mondays throughout December - Fundraising for Nellie's

The Monday morning feasts continue throughout December as IGSA shifts its support to Nellie's shelter for women and children (more information at <http://www.nellies.org/>). Be sure to drop a quarter or two for that tasty breakfast muffin!

December 14th - Holiday Party

Start counting down now- the ~~Hobbit~~ release Holiday Party is fast approaching! Contributions for the silent auction are still welcome; anyone interested can contact Alessandra [alessandra.ferzoco@sri.utoronto.ca] or Elisa [elisa.porfilio@utoronto.ca] to work out the details.

Location: Hart House

Cost: Students: \$15, Postdocs/Admin: \$25, Profs: \$35

Time: 6:00pm- 1:00am

Tickets: Tickets will be sold through IGSA social reps starting on Monday November 12.

HEY, YOU THERE!

Feeling stressed out about your impending re-classification? Desperate for the inside scoop on the IMM1016 exam? *Still* can't get your genotyping to work? Get in touch with your closest upper year mentor today (full list of contacts available in the October newsletter here <http://www.immunology.utoronto.ca/about/newsletter.htm>).

IMMSA

Winter is coming! But, before it arrives, IMMSA has a few events in preparation for exams and application time!

First, we have two super fun events planned!

- * Game's Night is happening on November 15, 6 PM at Victoria College's Cat's Eye.
- * The first biannual BIG Pub Night is happening on November 30, 6 PM at the Fox N Fiddle on Bloor. We have our Graduate Shadowing Opportunity (happening during Reading Week in February), so make sure to sign up if you are interested in shadowing a Graduate student for a day. We need

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your field of interest (in Immunology) and a short blurb about why you want to participate.

Deadline is December 4, 2012.

IMMSA will also be selling Hoodies and T-shirts soon! Emails will be sent out sometime during the week of November 12, 2012.

Keep an eye out for more events!

IMMSA

PUBLICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMUNOLOGY (October 2012) ⁽¹⁻⁵⁾

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We'd like to hear from you!
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