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

With fall fully upon us and with the main grant-writing season finally over, it is a good time to start thinking about upcoming events in the Department of Immunology. With this in mind, please note the save the date(s) section. I am also looking forward to our next departmental faculty meeting, during which I will provide an overview of the next strategic plan for our department. This new plan will be the 2nd Strategic Plan for the department, and will build on the many successes achieved from our initial strategic plan (2014-2018). In the meantime, we will be conducting interviews and discussion with many of our stakeholders and external advisors to ensure our plan reflects areas that still need improvement and highlights those that can be further developed. I am also taking this opportunity to say that all look forward to hearing from all of you regarding any new ideas and/or advice that be included as part of our new plan.

Save the date(s):

⇒ The upcoming Department of Immunology’s Faculty Meeting will be held on November 26, 2018, and the next year’s meeting will be held on March 25, 2019.

⇒ The Department of Immunology’s 2018 “Winter Retreat” (a.k.a. “the” Immunology Christmas Party), which will take place on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

⇒ Mark your calendars to be sure to attend the Department of Immunology’s 2019 Summer Retreat, which will take place on June 18-19, 2019, again by the shores of beautiful lake Couchiching in Orillia Ontario. Dr. Yasmine Belkaid, National Institutes of Health, will be the Keynote Speaker this year.
FEATURED CAMPUS RESOURCE

SGS’s Graduate Student Wellness Portal

Looking for mental health services, resources, or academic supports? Need to talk with someone about your experiences of supervision?

This portal, developed in collaboration with the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU), can help point you in the right direction.

http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/wellness-portal.aspx

Need a laugh?
Lego Grad Student has got you covered:

https://brickademics.com/gallery/

STUDENT SEMINARS
November 2018

Tao Chan & Melanie Girard
Nov 5, 2018
10:00am–11:00am
MSB 2173

Douglas Chung & James Han
Nov 12, 2018
10:00am–11:00am
MSB 2173

Jennifer Hoang & Saad Khan
Nov 19, 2018
10:00am–11:00am
MSB 2173

Adrian Kuipery & Logan Kyle Smith
Nov 26, 2018
10:00am–11:00am
MSB 2173

HUMAN IMMUNOLOGY PANEL DISCUSSION
November 5, 2018
MSB 7231 at 5:00pm

Toronto Human Immunology Network Presents:
A Panel Discussion with Dr. Graham Pawelec, PhD (Professor, University of Tübingen)

Host: Dr. Tania Watts, PhD
Hello Immunologists,

Happy fall... or winter? Regardless, we hope the academic year has been going well so far! In the midst of the busy midterm season, we held our very first Lunch and Learn of the year with Dr. Mallevaey where students had the opportunity to get to know our very own undergraduate coordinator! We also held our annual research seminar with Dr. Martin on finding meaningful research as an undergraduate. Special shout-out to Madalina Maxim and Josh Casal for speaking about their research experience! Thank you all for attending!

For the month of November, we have some exciting events coming up! We will be having our second Lunch and Learn, the highly anticipated pub night, and lastly apparel sale. More details on these upcoming events will be posted on our Facebook page so be sure to follow us at https://www.facebook.com/immsa.uoft.

Cheers,
Joaquin Francis Arias & Kitty Liu
IMMSA Co-Presidents 2018-2019

P.S. Remember to get your flu shots!

Immunology Students Association (IMMSA) Co-Presidents 2018-2019
http://immsauoft.com | @IMMSA_UofT | http://facebook.com/IMMSA.UofT
Dear Immunologists,

We hope you had a Spooktacular October! Starting with a fantastic Games Night managed by Rysa at the Fox & Fiddle where alliances were formed and broken. Soon after, Derek hosted an incredibly artistic night of Pumpkin Carving followed by a scary movie viewing in our very own bIMMstro! To cap it all off, our first interdepartmental event of the new school year, organized by Lewis, the FacMed Halloween Party at The Boat was a great success with costumed scientists dancing the night away! As the month winds down, we’re gearing up for a new and improved Immunology Day led by Saad, where Immunology grad students will first go to nearby schools and give their talks, followed by a selection of high school students visiting the U of T campus for an exciting hands-on experience later in the year.

With the cold weather creeping in, you know what that means! Our Annual Departmental Holiday Retreat will soon be upon us. This year it will be held on Thursday, December 13th at Hart House! Ticket sales will begin early November, so keep your eyes and ears open for updates. Each pod will have their own designated IGSA ticket sales representative, so you won’t miss out on the party of the year! Also, be sure to attend the Annual Wine & Cheese Night to help pick the best drinks for the event! Registration for the centrepiece competition and tree decorations are now open. Last but certainly not least, we are still recruiting students and faculty for silent auction donations and to showcase their hidden talents as part of the night’s unforgettable performances. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Lisa (lisa.hung@mail.utoronto.ca). Hope to see you all soon!

Cheers,

Lisa & Tao

IGSA Co-Presidents 2018-2019
PUBLICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMUNOLOGY (September 2018)


We’d like to hear from you!
Comments or questions – please contact:
immunology.communications@utoronto.ca