Welcome Immunology folks to a new academic year and a warm welcome to our incoming students! As many of you know, I am Acting Chair of the Department while JC is on administrative leave until April of next year. While it’s not possible to fill his shoes, I hope to leave my own (small) mark on the Department in the next months. Since I am the current boss, I would like to take this opportunity to thank JC on behalf of everyone in the Department for his successful first 5 years as Chair! Looking forward to 5 more years with JC at the helm.

I’d like to thank members of the Graduate Committee for their efforts and their selection of our outstanding new bunch of fundamental and applied Immunology students. On JC’s behalf, I’d like to thank Philippe Poussier and Stuart Berger for their involvement on this important committee as they step down and welcome new members, Thierry Mallevaey and Goetz Ehrhardt. Naoto Hirano and Clint Robbins, who coordinate “Immunology Tonight”, have implemented new changes to the format of the course and we look forward to feedback. And I’m also happy to say that Imm Tonight is heading back to Trinity!

As you will see, IGSA has new leadership and I welcome Albert Nguyen and Yoojin Choi as your new co-presidents. They have an exciting line up of social and outreach events that I hope you all will take advantage of. Thanks to out-going presidents, Mark Gower and Maria Edilova for an excellent job last year.

We had the IMMSA welcome back lunch last week and some of our faculty had the chance to meet our undergraduate students. Welcome to the new IMMSA co-presidents, Sonya Kim and Lucy Shao, and thanks to outgoing presidents Natalie Hoffmann and Conan Chua. Sonya and Lucy have plans for new, exciting IMMSA events and I hope to see good participation for these.

Hope to see you all at the student seminars and Easton seminars (great line-up Tracy and David!) and I wish you all a good start to the 2017-2018 academic year.
CONGRATULATIONS...FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Professor
Dr. James Carlyle
Dr. Alberto Martin
Dr. Dana Philpott

Associate Professor
Dr. Shannon Dunn
Dr. Thierry Mallevaey

Adjunct Professor
Dr. Florence Tsui,

CONGRATULATIONS

PhD
Ben Wang (Fish lab) – June 7, 2017
Nichole Escalante (Mallevaey and Philpott labs) – June 29, 2017
Jordan Schwartz (Ostrowski lab) – August 21, 2017
Ashleigh Goethel (Croitoru and Philpott labs) – August 23, 2017
Alessandra Ferzoco (Julius lab) – August 24, 2017

MSc
James Han (Ohashi lab) – June 19, 2017
Kelly Tai (Jongstra-Bilen and Cybulsky labs) – July 13, 2017
Reclassification Exam
Yoojin Choi (Kaul lab) – June 22, 2017
WELCOME

Fundamental Immunology MSc and PhD

Yi Tao Chan (On Rotation)
Pailin Chiaranunt (On Rotation)
Douglas Chung (Ohashi Lab)
Melanie Girard (On Rotation)
Jennifer Hoang (On Rotation)
Saad Khan (On Rotation)
Melissa Kleinau (On Rotation)
Adrian Kuipery (On Rotation)
Irene Lau (On Rotation)
Yee Tung Leslie Leung (Ehrhardt Lab)
Lewis Liu (On Rotation)
Priya Makhijani (On Rotation)
Andrew Mazzanti (On Rotation)
Carolina Munoz-Grajales (Wither Lab)
Logan Kyle Smith (Treonor Lab)
Kenneth Ting (On Rotation)
Anran Wang (On Rotation)
Nathaniel Jesse Winsor (On Rotation)
Anthony Wong (On Rotation)
Rysa Zaman (On Rotation)
Anthony Zhao (Guidos Lab)

FEATURED CAMPUS RESOURCE

WELCOME TO THE NEW APPLIED IMMUNOLOGY STUDENTS

Sai Chung (MacParland Lab)
Sarah Colpitts (Paige Lab)
Baweleta Isho (Poussier Lab)
Mikhail Makogonov (Paige Lab)
Judi Yang (Ehrhardt Lab)
Michelle Zuo (Guidos Lab)

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Dear Immunologists,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited for this school year! Also, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all incoming students.

What a great start to the year - thanks to everyone who came out to the Orientation Pub. It was a great opportunity for the new and returning students to mingle, and we also had an AMAZING faculty turnout! We hope the incoming students got a little taste of what our department is all about and the opportunities we offer to have a more balanced grad life (IMMPress, SciChat, Let's Talk Science and more)! We will be finishing off the month with several events including the Wonderland trip for the brave souls who would like to venture through the Leviathan & Behemoth (if you survived those rides, grad school will be a breeze for you), the First Years Pub, and the intense Immunology-Biochemistry softball showdown.

Stay tuned for the month of October as we will be hosting a games night (feel free to bring your favourite board games) and a pumpkin carving contest followed by a scary movie! Last but certainly not the least, students are invited to get spooky at the Interdepartmental Halloween party - keep in mind that there will be prizes for people with the best costumes, so get your creative hats on now!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for IGSA events/initiatives, please don't hesitate to talk to us - we are a friendly bunch here to make your departmental experience more enjoyable! And with that, we would like to conclude by introducing our team: Yoojin & Albert (Co-Presidents), Dario (Internal Affairs), Lisa & Tao & Parshin (Social Reps), Oksana (Sports Rep), Brett (Career Development), Anthony (Community Outreach) and Jennifer (GSU/CUPE Rep). You can also stay up-to-date by visiting the IGSA website or joining the IGSA Facebook group.

Cheers,

Yoojin & Albert
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