



RI TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Welcome to our new Director of Research, professor in the Faculty of Medicine at McGill, and Associate Executive Director for Research at the MUHC, Dr. Vassilios Papadopoulos.

Dr. Papadopoulos comes to us from Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington DC, where he was Associate Vice-President and Director of Biomedical Graduate Research. He coordinated the research of basic science and clinical departments, strengthened existing research programs and enhanced the clinical and translational research efforts of the Georgetown Center.

On Sept. 25th, 26th & 27th, Dr. Papadopoulos will address the RI community on several issues affecting the future of the Research Institute. The agenda for these forums will be:



Dr. V. Papadopoulos above

The Dates

Sept. 25, 2007

MCH Amphitheater, 11:30 - 1:00

Sept. 26, 2007

MGH Osler, 10:00 - 11:30

MNI Jeanne Timmins, 1:30 - 3:00

Sept. 27, 2007

RVH Browne, 2:00 - 3:30pm

- 1) CFI LSIE Proposal
- 2) Strategic Research Plan Update
- 3) RI Redevelopment Plan Update (and the future merging of research axes)
- 4) Commercialization & Research
- 5) Administrative Updates

The latter part of these meetings will be devoted to providing an opportunity for questions. All of the RI MUHC Research community is encouraged to

come out, meet our new Director, find out what's happening and where the Institute is heading.

The dates, times and locations are noted at left.

For more information, comments or concerns, please contact Caroline Donelle at ext 42414.

FRSQ Salary Awards 2007-2008

Congratulations to the following investigators who successfully obtained FRSQ Salary awards for the 07-08 period.

Chercheurs Nationaux

William Foulkes, Cancer

Louise Larose, Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition and Kidney Diseases

Chercheurs-boursiers

Andrea Bernasconi, Neurosciences

Stephanie Chevalier, Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition and Kidney Diseases

Deborah Da Costa, Health Outcomes

Ameé Manges, Health Outcomes

Madhukar Pai, Infection & Immunity

Louise Pilote, Health Outcomes

Elham Rahme, Health Outcomes

Chercheurs-boursiers - Fondamentale

Suhad Ali, Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition and Kidney Diseases

Nada Jabado, Cancer Axis

Stephane Laporte, Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition and Kidney Diseases

Anne-Marie Lauzon, Respiratory Health

Michael Reed, Infection & Immunity

Robert Sladek, Medical Genetics and Genomics

Tomoko Takano, Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition and Kidney Diseases

Chercheurs-boursiers - sante et societe

Melanie Lavoie-Tremblay, Health Outcomes

Chercheurs-boursiers - clinique ou epidemiologie

Peter Chan, Human Reproduction & Development

Kaberi Dasgupta, Health Outcomes

Lucie Opatrny, Cardiovascular Diseases and Critical Care

Chercheurs-boursiers cliniciens - fondamentale

Edward Harvey, Musculoskeletal Disorders

Wassim Kassouf, Cancer

Recherches clinique ou recherche en sante des populations clinique

Bethany Foster, Health Outcomes

CFI Call 6

As you may have already heard, CFI was awarded \$510M to hold another major competition with a call for proposals before the end of 2007.

A selection process will serve to identify projects that are transformative and that align with McGill Strategic Research Initiatives. For the Faculty of Medicine, these would be:

Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine

Child Health and Development

Chronic Disease and Aging

Molecular Predictive & Preventive Medicine

Public and Global Health

Health Science Education

Preliminary letters of interest must be forwarded to Janet Henderson before September 30, 2007.

CFI Awards

CFI Leaders Opportunity Funds were awarded to four RI MUHC investigators this year. They are:

Leaders Opportunity Fund - June 07

Yukiori Goto, Mental Health and Addiction

Integrative Systems Neuroscience Lab for the Study of Neural Network Associated with Dopamine-Deficit Psychiatric Disorders

Nada Jabado, Cancer

Identification of molecular targets involved in the genesis of pediatric high grade gliomas

Leaders Opportunity Fund- March 07

Funding for infrastructure associated with a Canada Research Chair

Stephane Laporte, Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition and Kidney Diseases

Real time cell imaging to understanding hormone and drug action

Michael Sullivan, Health Outcomes

Pain Behaviour Observation Laboratory

RI 2007 Equipment Competition Results

Sixty-two applications were received for this year RI's Equipment Competition totalling over \$1.2 million dollars. With only \$350K available, we wish we could fund every application. If you weren't funded however, don't dismay, try again next year.

This year's awardees were:

Andrey Cybulsky

Water Purification System

Pierre Lachapelle

Espion E2 Visual Stimulator

Richard Lalonde

Benchtop refrigerated centrifuge

Anne-Marie Lauzon

Ultra centrifuge

Charles Bourque

Dual cell patch-clamp system

Geoffrey Hendy

Rotor

Brigitte Reniers

Tissue Equivalent Proportional Counter

Antonio Vignano

Emergency Cart with Defibrillator & O2 Tank

David Bracco

In vivo Orthogonal polarisation spectroscopy system

Teruko Taketo

Image Analysis System for Leica Inverted Fluorescent Microscope

Jacques Lapointe

CO2 Incubator electrophoresis and transfer apparatus...

Errol Marliss

Jasco FP-6200 Spectrofluorometer

Jacques Genest

HPLC

Fall Studentship/ Fellowship Competition Opens

Application forms and information specific to the upcoming RI MUHC 2007 Fall studentship/fellowship competition is now available online.

To access the downloadable application form (fall07.pdf) and other relevant information go to:
<http://www.muhc.ca/research>.

Click on the link to [Internal Competitions](#) on the left side of the page and then click on the link to the Fall Studentship/Fellowship competition.

The deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, October 17th 2006. For more information, contact Wendy Fine directly at ext 36601.

Office of Clinical Contracts Reminder

Please be reminded that in compliance with our Policies and Procedures, the signed contract is only released once the final letter of approval from the Research Ethics Board is ready.

Similarly, the Research Ethics Board approval letter is only released once the contract has been signed by all parties.

For more information, contact Sasha Lee at ext 42334.

RI Administrative News & Updates

In late July 2007, some of the Research Institute Administration moved down the hill to 2155 Guy Street to join the new director. We're currently housed in temporary accommodations on the first floor until space, (presently undergoing renovation on the 5th floor), is complete.

When that happens, the majority of central research administration will be relocated here too.

In that future move, grants administration, accounts payable, and all related financial services will relocate. An end of year move is being anticipated.

For the time being, the following administrative staff have moved to 2155 Guy St, 1st fl:

Lynn Dery Capes ext 44581

Jean-Marie Chavannes ext 44551

Rino Clarizio ext 23789

Caroline Donelle ext 42414

Maureen Letourneau ext 44580

Sonia Rea ext 43824

Vassilios Papadopoulos ext 44580

The fax number has been changed to 514-934-8439.

Administration will keep the research community updated on any other changes as they take place. Stay tuned for more.

Please note: To place notices in our Research Institute Newsletter, please contact Caroline at ext. 42414 or email caroline.donelle@mail.mcgill.ca

Internal News

Congratulations

Dr. Jacquetta Trasler appointed to the position of Associate Director for Pediatric Research of the MUHC. A full professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Human Genetics, Pharmacology and Therapeutics at McGill, Dr. Trasler is recognized internationally for her expertise regarding the impact of male and female germ-line abnormalities on embryonic, fetal and childhood development. Dr. Trasler replaces Dr. Rima Rozen.

Dr. Chris Tsoukas to the position of Director of the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in the McGill Department of Medicine. Dr. Tsoukas is also taking on the responsibility as the first Chief of the combined MUHC Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology bringing together the former RVH and MGH Divisions. Dr. Tsoukas replaces Dr. Joseph Shuster who led the MGH Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology for many years in addition to his many other roles in the Hospital and the Research Institute.

New RI MUHC Staff

Dr. Elena Torban, to the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine as a scientist and assistant professor of medicine. Dr. Torban completed her PhD and post-doc training at McGill and will be focussed on the studies of renal cell biology.

Dr. Monzur Murshed, as Assistant Professor in the Centre for Bone and Periodontal Research, division of Endocrinology and Metabolism and the department of medicine. Dr. Murshed obtained his PhD from the university of Cologne for research in the area of membrane biology, and postdoctoral fellowship at the Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Susan Bartlett as Associate Professor with tenure in the McGill University Dept of Medicine, Division of Respiratory Medicine and the McGill School of Occupational Therapy. Dr. Bartlett was also appointed as a Medical Scientist in the MUHC Dept of Medicine. Receiving her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Syracuse University in 1995, she continued post-doctoral training at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Bartlett is a behavioral health psychologist with nationally recognized research and clinical expertise in the effects of behavioral and psychosocial factors on the course of chronic diseases. Dr. Bartlett will be collaborating with members of the Respiratory Epidemiology and Clinical Research Unit at the Montreal Chest Institute.

Dr. John Storrington has been appointed to the Attending Staff of the MUHC Dept of Medicine and as an Assistant Professor in the McGill University Dept of Medicine. Dr. Storrington completed his hematology training at McGill followed by fellowship training in acute leukemia management and clinical trials at the University of Toronto. Dr. Storrington will focus on acute leukemia management and research.

Dr. Patricia Pelletier is a McGill trainee appointed to the Attending Staff of the MUHC Department of Medicine and as an Assistant Professor in the McGill Department of Medicine. After two years of research in cellular therapy at the Lady Davis Institute of the JGH she completed a two-year fellowship program at the New York Blood Centre, where she specialized in transfusion medicine and immunohematology. She will be based at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Updates



Upcoming Conference

What: 14th World Congress on IVF & 3rd World Congress on IVM

When: 2007-09-15 to 2007-09-19

Where: Fairmont, the Queen Elizabeth Hotel

Web: www.isivf2007.com

Canada Research Chairs

Stéphane A. Laporte Tier 2. Renewal. Canada Research Chair in Molecular Endocrinology

Michael J.L. Sullivan Tier 1. Canada Research Chair in Behavioural Health

Website and Research Profiles

RI investigators are reminded to update web profiles (particularly publications). For those who don't have a profile, here's how to submit.

Simply go to <http://people.muhc.ca/> for peer examples, and forward your information directly to caroline.donelle@mail.mcgill.ca

Please remember to include the university where your degree was obtained, and to write your research portion in laymen's terms as much as possible.

If you need help or more information, call Caroline at ext 42414.