

Department of Immunology

Newsletter

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

This month had a great start with the release of the Department's *IMMpress Magazine*, copies of the magazine are on their way to your mailboxes, but in the meantime you can check it out at www.immpressmagazine.com. Congratulations to the IMMpress team for a stellar inaugural issue.

I want to highlight two items from this month's newsletter: we will be having our next Departmental Faculty Meeting on March 28th; and, to all our 2nd year graduate students please note the upcoming deadlines regarding setting up your reclassification/qualifying exams. Lastly, we are trying to reach out to all postdoctoral fellows working in labs of PI's affiliated with Department of Immunology, with this in mind, please encourage your postdocs to go to www.immunology.utoronto.ca/postdoctoral/bulletin/immpdf.htm to register with us.

SPECIAL SEMINARS

Clinton Robbins, PhD

Assistant Professor
Laboratory Medicine and Pathology
University of Toronto
and Scientist, Toronto General Research Institute
University Health Network

(Host: Dr. Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Pflücker)

"Generation of the myeloid response in atherogenesis: Beyond the bone marrow."

Monday, March 11, 2013

1:00 p.m.

Room 4171, Medical Sciences Building
University of Toronto

A candidate for cross-appointment to the Department of Immunology

UPCOMING SEMINARS

EASTON SEMINARS –

March 2013

Room 2172 MSB at 11:10 a.m.

March 4, 2013

- Dr. Michael R. Gold
"Cytoskeletal regulation of BCR signaling."
(Host: Dr. Alberto Martin)

March 18, 2013

- Michele Anderson, PhD
"Regulation of intrathymic lineage choice by HEB transcription factors."
(Host: Dr. Michael Ratcliffe)

March 25, 2013

- Daniel J. Campbell, PhD
"Control of regulatory T cell homeostasis and function."
(Host: Dr. Jennifer Gommerman)

GRADUATE SEMINARS –

March 2013

Room 3171 MSB at 10:00 a.m.

March 4, 2013

- Gillian Minty (Wither, J.)
- Sabrin Mishel (Danska, J.)

March 18, 2013

- Heather Lynn MacGregor (Ohashi, P.)
- Joshua Michael Moreau (Paige, C.)

March 25, 2013

****10:30 AM START****

- Ashleigh Goethel (Philpott, D.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Departmental Faculty Meeting

– Thursday, March 28th, 11:00am, Medical Sciences Building, Room 2317.

WELCOME

Postdoctoral Fellows:

Dr. Oleksandr Galkin (Zúñiga-Pflücker Lab)

CONGRATULATIONS

PhD

Dr. Janet Markle (Danska Lab) January 25, 2013

MSc Exam

Ali Sakhdari (Ostrowski Lab) January 11, 2013

Qualifying Exam

Craig Hawkshaw (Fish Lab) January 21, 2013

DEADLINES/REMINDERS

March 1, 2013: Send email to graduate.immunology@utoronto.ca to confirm whether you will be doing a reclassification/qualifying exam or if you are opting to complete your MSc.

March 2013: Submit your proposals to your supervisor and supervisory committee. Please provide them with enough time to review your proposal and please aim to have it approved by early April. Your supervisor and each member of your supervisory committee will need to submit a [Reclassification / Qualifying Approval Form](#). You also need to suggest an examining committee by filling out an [Examining Committee Pre-approval Form](#) – to be approved by the [graduate coordinator](#).

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IGSA

UPCOMING IGSA EVENTS

February 19th- BBI Networking Event

Come out to our second BBI networking event, featuring two speakers who ended up in very different fields- lab management and the RCMP! Contact Angela or Darrin today to sign-up!

Location: The Fox and the Fiddle

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: Free

February 22st- Ski Trip

What better way to celebrate the long-awaited arrival of winter than by strapping on some skis and hitting the slopes with your peers?

Notice: Registration is now closed, but anyone wishing to fund their own rentals and transportation is more than welcome to join the group!

February 28th- Registration Deadline for Sporting Life 10km Run

Are you an avid runner looking to support a good cause? Join your fellow Immunologists at the May 12th Sporting Life 10km Run to raise money for Kids with Cancer. Register online at <http://run.sportinglife10k.ca/register> before February 28th to get a \$20 gift certificate to Sporting Life!

Contact: jshmoreau@gmail.com

Cost: Registration fee is partially reimbursed by IGSA before February 28th

March 15th- St. Patrick's Day

The best pub of the year is only a month away. Start brushing up on your jigs and reels!

Location: The Green Room

Time: 7pm

Cost: Free

IMMPress Magazine

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Congratulations to Yuriy Baglaenko, Charles Tran and their production team on the successful release of the first issue of IMMPress, the Department's very own magazine. Be sure to check it out!

<http://www.immpressmagazine.com/>

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We'd like to hear from you!
Comments or Questions – Please contact:
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