MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Congratulations to Physiology for helping achieve a world top 10 ranking in the latest QS World University rankings. The University is delighted that 8 of the 16 top 10 ranking programs in Canada are here at U of T. I am delighted that one of the 8 is in the joint category of Anatomy – Physiology.

See below for more details.

Best wishes,

Graham

HONOURS & AWARDS

Congratulations to Dr. Michelle French who was awarded the 2017 President’s Teaching Award last week. The President’s Teaching Award (PTA) recognizes excellence and innovation in teaching, research on pedagogy, and the integration of teaching and research. The biographies of this year’s recipients as well as more information about the President’s Teaching Award are available online.
Congratulations to Alex Mouratidis (Matthews Lab) who was awarded the SRI President’s Presenter Award at the Society for Reproductive Investigation that was held in San Diego 6-10th March, 2018. Alex’s abstract was ranked in the top 4 of 900 submitted abstracts and was entitled ‘Antenatal Glucocorticoid Treatment Disrupts the Maternal and Fetal Methionine Cycle’. He did a fantastic job of presenting his work to over 1200 conference delegates on the first morning of the meeting. Congratulations also to Leonardo Ermini (Caniggia Lab) who received a Presenter Award (Top 25 ranked Abstracts), and to the many other members of Physiology and Obstetrics and Gynaecology who presented their work at the SRI meeting.
Congratulations to Shin-Haw Lee (Gramolini Lab) on being awarded a 2018 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award. The recipients will be honoured at a ceremony in Convocation Hall on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The full list of this year’s award recipients can be viewed at website.

Congratulations to the following trainees on receiving a CAN2018 Travel Award for the 12th Annual Canadian Neuroscience Meeting (May 13-16, 2018 Vancouver)

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Charles Mobbs, PhD, Professor
Neuroscience, Endocrinology, and Geriatrics
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
New York

Title: Role of Creb-binding protein in mediating protective effects of dietary restriction during aging

Date: Thursday April 5, 2018
Time: 4-5 pm
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Host: EDRG

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REMEMBERING JOHN RODER (July 17, 1950 – January 6, 2018)

JOHN RODER: A Triumph of Mind

By Harold L. Atwood and John Georgiou

John Carling Christopher Roder, FRSC, one of the brightest stars in the Toronto constellation of neuroscientists, died January 6th, 2018, at age 67, after a 22-year struggle with Huntington’s disease.

John was a Senior Scientist at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute of Mt. Sinai Hospital, with collateral appointments in several departments at the University of Toronto: the Departments of Immunology, Molecular Genetics, and Physiology, and the Institute of Medical Science. He also held a Canada Research Chair in Learning and Memory (2002-2015). Although his early scientific training and research were in the field of immunology, he changed his research endeavours to neuroscience in mid-career, determined to search for the causes of neurological and psychiatric disorders. He had a personal reason for initiating a crusade of research in neuroscience, as his son had been diagnosed with schizophrenia.

IN THE NEWS

U of T gets top marks in Canada in QS World University subject rankings
A report shows U of T has 8 of the 16 university programs in Canada that rank in the global top 10. The Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing is Canada’s top performing program among its worldwide competitors.

The importance of good sleep
John Peever of Cell and Systems Biology and UTM’s David Samson talk about their findings on sleep.

Why forgetting might actually make you smarter
Having total recall is overrated. “It’s important that the brain forgets irrelevant details and instead focuses on the stuff that’s going to help make decisions in the
real world,” researchers **Paul Frankland** and Blake Richards told CNN. Read more about Frankland’s and Richards’ research.  [Full article](#)

**For the love of words**
In Wednesday’s edition of The Bulletin, they celebrated World Poetry Day and asked their readers to share a moment when a poet changed their life. **Lyanne Schlichter**, of the department of physiology, wrote about how an exchange with a poet did just that.  [Read article in today’s issue of The Bulletin](#)

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**We want to hear about the great things happening in Physiology.**

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