MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It was really wonderful to see so many people at this week’s Strategic Summit Meeting at Hart House given how important this is for the future of Physiology in the next 5+ years. Our facilitators from The Potential Group will be creating a synthesized strategy from the various consultation meetings that have been held and which will form the basis of the Department’s Strategic Plan. As you know, I will be stepping down as Chair to take on the position of Director of the Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases located in the Krembil Discovery Tower effective May 1st. I will continue as a Professor of Physiology and Senior Investigator at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital. More on this in the next PhysioLINK, which will be my final issue as Chair.

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Mediating β-cell maturation: an essential role for MED15 in β-cell ontogeny

Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Medical Sciences Building, Room 2170

Host: Endocrinology and Diabetes Research Group

***Eligible for the PSL1000/2000 Seminars in Physiology Course***
QS World University Rankings

Fantastic rankings for Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Toronto in the latest QS rankings. 8th in the World, something to be very proud of!
HeLTI-India Project

Steve Matthews and Dan Sellen (U of T) had an excellent meeting with the Canadian Consul General in Bangalore (India) on February 26th surrounding the HeLti-INDIA project. Great support and interest surrounding the project!

The HeLTI-India project, co-funded by CIHR and the India’s department of biotechnology, was recognized in the joint announcement by the two countries’ prime ministers during Justin Trudeau’s visit to India (February, 2018).

Photo L-R: Dan Sellen (UofT), Kumaran, Nicole Girard (Counsul General of Canada at Canadian Consulate in Bangalore), and Steve Matthews
WOMEN IN ENDOCRINOLOGY

This month (March 2019), the journal Endocrinology is celebrating women in endocrinology with a special thematic issue and a podcast. The thematic issue focuses on recent research performed and published by women in endocrinology and highlights the influence that their work has had on fellow scientists and clinicians today. Twelve highly influential, impactful research papers were chosen.

During the podcast, we speak with Stina Rikke Jensen, PhD, about her 2017 Endocrinology paper with Professor Patricia Brubaker, on biological roles of insulin and its receptor in murine intestinal growth and function, which is part of the thematic issue.

IN THE NEWS

How to wake up early without hating your alarm clock

By Josh K. Elliott National Online Journalist, International  Global News

It’s Monday morning and your alarm clock is shrieking at you. The numbers read 7 a.m., but that’s impossible — you’re foggy-headed, but you swear it should only be 5 a.m.

Eventually, you either hit the snooze button, bury your head under your pillow, and hurl your alarm across the room, or begrudgingly, roll out of bed to begin a day that’s starting way too early.

This scenario plays out for many people when they start their work week because they’ve ruined their sleep schedule with a weekend of sleeping in and staying up late, according to Richard Horner, a professor of physiology at the University of Toronto.

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Southern Ontario Reproductive Biology Conference (SORB) 2019

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are excited to welcome you to Toronto for the Southern Ontario Reproductive Biology conference (SORB) 2019, Friday June 7th! We have now opened up Registration and Abstract Submissions. The abstract deadline is Tuesday April 9th.

To Register and submit an abstract, please visit our SORB 2019 website at: https://sorb2019.wixsite.com/sorb

Please register using the “register now” button before submitting an abstract. Abstract submissions are limited to 300 words (excluding author list). If you have any questions, please send an email to sorb2019conference@gmail.com

We look forward to your submissions!

SORB 2019 Organizing Committee

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STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario UofT Chapter, made up of graduate students from Physiology and other departments in the Faculty of Medicine, hosted a dodgeball tournament on March 15th of students, profs and alumni to raise money for children with cancer. In just 2 hours they raised $900 for a great cause. Big thanks to the participants and sponsors Manulife and TD insurance (uoft.me/dodgecancer)."
RESEARCH RADIO

A science communication podcast

Research Radio is a podcast produced by graduate students in the Department of Physiology at the University of Toronto.

Every month, they tackle a research question that affects the scientific community, and we break it down for you in an engaging and informative way.

Check out all episodes here!

You can also listen to on:
Spotify
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iTunes/Apple Podcasts

NEWS FROM GASP

39th Annual Frontiers in Physiology Research Symposium

Please remember to register for the 39th annual Frontiers in Physiology (FIP) Research Symposium which will take place on May 2, 2019, at Mount Sinai Hospital.

We strongly encourage attendance from all trainees, postdocs, and faculty from the department!

To register, click HERE.
How-To-Defend

It’s time to get ready for the final stages of your MSc or PhD degree! In this edition of GASP’s “How-To” seminar, we will discuss:

- Things to consider prior to your defense request
- The thesis writing process and how to prepare for your defense
- What comes after the defense

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 17th 6-7 PM

**WHERE:** MSB 3227

**Free refreshments!**

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

Please share your accomplishments, awards...
Send news items to the Chair’s Office c/o e.katsoulakos@utoronto.ca