MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I hope this message finds everyone well. I would like to thank everyone for your patience and valuable contributions throughout the summer months to ensure a smooth and safe restart. As we head into Fall term, we need to continue our collective efforts to keep everyone safe. Please be sure review all the latest guidelines for safe return to both classroom and laboratory settings. Lastly, we have a large cohort of new graduate students in Physiology this year- please take the time to attend our online graduate orientation session this Friday from 1-3 pm and welcome these students into our department.

Scott P. Heximer, PhD
Ernest B. and Leonard B. Smith Chair,
Department of Physiology
HONORS & AWARDS

Congratulations to Dr. Barry Sessle who is the 2020 recipient of the IADR Gold Medal. The IADR (International Association for Dental Research) Gold Medal is the highest recognition bestowed by the IADR. It is only the second time that the Gold Medal has been awarded by the 10,000+ member society!

Congratulations to Dr. Cristina Nostro who will be receiving the Innovation & Science Award from the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario - ICCO Air Canada Business Excellence Award “Women Leading Change” - on September 24th, 2020.

PHYSIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

~ Eligible for PSL1000H/PSL2000H Course Seminar Attendance ~

Dr. Khosrow Adeli
Professor and Senior Scientist,
Hospital for Sick Children and Departments of Biochemistry, Lab Medicine and Pathobiology, and Physiology, University of Toronto

“Critical Role of the Clinical Laboratory in COVID-19 Diagnosis and Management”
Thursday September 24th, 2020 from 4-5 pm
Virtual Link: TBA

Please be on the lookout for an upcoming Message from the Chair regarding the 2020-21 Seminar Series.

FIP/Dept Retreat/Macallum Lecture – SAVE THE DATES!

We are excited to announce that this year’s FIP has been rescheduled to Thursday October 22. It will be combined with a Departmental Retreat (all invited!) and Macallum Lecture on Friday October 23, 2020.

Full details will be communicated shortly!
DAVIDSON LECTURE – November 25th
endowed by the late John K. and Mary E. Davidson

Dr. A.M. James Shapiro
Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Transplant Surgery and Regenerative Medicine
Professor of Surgery, Medicine and Surgical Oncology
AHS Director Clinical Islet and Living Donor Liver Transplant Programs
Clinical Senior Scholar Alberta Innovates - Healthcare Solutions (AIHS)
University of Alberta

Title:  TBA

Date:  Wednesday November 25, 2020

Time:  1:30 pm

Virtual Link:  TBA

ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS

Sincere congratulations to all of our faculty members below (primary and status-only) on their promotion effective July 1st. Well deserved!

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You can view the list of all newly promoted faculty members online.
IN THE NEWS

July 26, 2020 - Gramolini lab – Novel approach yields new molecular insights into cardiac fibrosis

July 27, 2020 - Jia Lab - Research Sheds Light on Autism/Epilepsy

September 3, 2020 – Matthews/Lye/Bloise Labs - Risk of COVID-19 infection highest for baby during early pregnancy, study finds

PSL SUMMER CLASSES – Update

We are delighted to announce that Physiology successfully offered four virtual graduate courses this summer.

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Thank you to all the faculty members who pivoted quickly to offer our students a fantastic learning experience. Thank you also to all the participating graduate students. We hope you enjoyed participating with the new online format. Well done everyone!
Stay safe everyone!

Please continue to visit the central COVID-19 hub
for the U of T community