Welcome to 2019!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing holiday season with friends and family. We had a lot to be thankful for as we celebrated our accomplishments in 2018. I am confident we will have even bigger and better accomplishments and celebrations in 2019 and beyond.

I wish you all the best in health, happiness, and continued success. Cheers!
On the invitation of **Dr. Thomas Koch** on behalf of the Regenerative Medicine@Guelph Network, **Dr. Frank Beier**, Chair of the Department of Physiology & Pharmacology and Canada Research Chair in Muskuloskeletal Research at the Schulich School of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario, gave a talk to the department.

Dr. Beier discussed his latest research on osteoarthritis, cartilage and joint biology using transgenic mice. He gave an excellent presentation and I am sure Thomas was pleased with the great attendance from Biomed!
Hosted by Dr. Pavneesh Madan, Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director (India Office) of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was welcomed to our campus. Dr. Kaul gave a very informative presentation on the history and origins of the Shastri Institute. Many in attendance were both past and present recipients of mobility funding from the Institute.
Chief Petrik to the rescue!

A HUGE thanks to Dr. Jim Petrik for organizing and delivering a full day training session for those in Biomed who were interested in becoming certified in First Aid/CPR. Everyone had a great time and Jim kept the workshop professional, relevant and entertaining!

We all feel a lot safer having all these "paramedic-wanna-be's" around the department!

Thanks again Jim!
MBS students in Repro-Biotech attend practicum placement training

MBS reproductive Biotechnologies students’ visit to SEMEX, Guelph. **Front row** (L-R): Grace Shei, Olivia Kostecki, Sarah Martone, Sumetha Balachandran, Natasha Martin, Radka Ivanova. **Back row** (L-R): Saba Oji, Megan Misner, Alysha Briglio, Matthew Deratnay, Simran Bhullar, Alicia Vancasteren (2nd yr DVM), Veronika Laskowski

As part of experiential learning for students in the Reproductive Biotechnologies MBS program, **Drs. Laura Favetta** and **Tobi Oluwole** took the students on a visit to Semex, Guelph. They visited the semen collection floor- where and saw how semen is collected from bulls using a teaser bull and an artificial vagina, the laboratory, where the semen is processed and frozen, as well as the distribution facility that organizes and coordinates the distribution of the semen to different parts of the world.

The students enjoyed the visit, and although it was a little different from what they had expected, it was a great eye opener and they learnt a lot.

**Congrats to all MBS repro-biotech students, and well done Tobi and Laura!**
Dr. Jibran Khokhar attended the annual meeting of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology in Hollywood, FL, where he gave a talk and presented a poster. Talk was titled: “Long-term consequences of adolescent cannabinoid exposure: a closer look at reward behaviors and circuitry.”

Also in attendance at the meeting were President Franco Vaccarino, Jennifer Murray (Psychology), Melissa Perreault (MCB) and Jibran Khokhar (Biomed).
Coomber, Mutsaers and Viloria-Petit go to MaRS

The **Coomber, Mutsaers, and Viloria-Petit** cancer research team attended the Terry Fox Research Institute Ontario Node Symposium at the MaRS Centre in Toronto, on December 10, 2018. Dr. Tony Mutsaers was one of the invited speakers, presenting a lecture on the use on comparative oncology to inform translation of novel therapeutics. **Anita Luu, Morla Phan and Andrew Poon** presented posters of their work in canine osteosarcoma and mast cell cancer.

**Congrats everyone!**
Biomed Holiday Luncheon and Auction

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone that attended the annual holiday luncheon for the department. A great time was had by all, and we had the opportunity to catch up with some of our former members of the department.

We raised an astonishing $1,235 at the auction and an additional $197 in candy grams! **WAY TO GO BIOMED!!!!**

Highest individual pedometer award went to **Sarah LePage** (right; 463,047), and highest lab total went to **Madison Pereira and Kathy Matuszewska** (left; 322,005)

**Way to move Biomed!! Congrats!**
Best PhD seminar award went to Ari Mendell, and Best MSc seminar award went to Priya Mistry.

Congrats Ari and Priya!

This year's Graduate Mentor Award goes to Dr. Matt Vickaryous. Congrats Matt...right on!

Kathy Jacyniak won the "Best TA Award". Nominees included Joshua Antunes, Ari Mendell, Bryan Jenkins, Lisa Reynen, Diana Carvajal, and Samira Razaei.
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Thanks again to Kim Best, Kathy Jacyniak and Anita Luu (our candy elves) for their organization and help putting on another successful event!!
As usual, my door is always open...

so pop in for a chat anytime!!