MORE funding success!

I am extremely proud to announce that Dr. Tami Martino received a mid-career award from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada! This award for $80,000/yr for 4 years will support her research and graduate training in circadian cardiovascular research. Also, Matt Vickaryous was successful in receiving a grant from the Human Frontier Science Program for $400,000/year for 3 years (grant ranked 3rd!!). Stay tuned for more details...Well done Tami and Matt!
Jibran's Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Award announced

The Hon. Lloyd Longfield toured the research lab of Dr. Jibran Khokhar, one of the four U of G scientists who will benefit from this latest round of federal support.

Jibran is establishing a neuroscience laboratory to study addiction and mental illness. He will use his $97,087 (CFI contribution) grant for research infrastructure to help understand mechanisms underlying substance use and serious mental illness.

Congrats Jibran!
March 22nd, 2019, Dr. Jibran Khokhar presented at North York General Hospital Addiction Grand Rounds: *Substance use and schizophrenia: Cracking the chicken-or-egg problem.*

On March 27th, Jibran also presented at the Peter Boris Centre Addiction Research and Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research at McMaster University: *Substance use and schizophrenia: Cracking the chicken-or-egg problem*

Congrats Jibran!
Abanoub Aziz Rizk (Jibrans 4th yr project student) was awarded the 2nd place prize for his oral presentation at the Western Student Research Conference on Friday, March 29th for his talk entitled: “Disruption of Circadian Rhythms and Effects on Alcohol Drinking”.

Congrats Abanoub and Jibrans!
Researchers in Ontario are working on establishing safe use guidelines for meloxicam, a pain relief and anti-inflammatory medication, in grain-fed veal production. The product is currently approved for use in dairy and beef cattle, but not for veal as there is no established withdrawal interval.

Two University of Guelph professors, **Dr. Ron Johnson** and Dr. Dave Renaud, will lead the study. Results will be made available to veterinarians across the country and through Canadian Global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank (CgFARAD).

The research is supported by the Veal Farmers of Ontario (VFO) and funded by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

“There is currently no research around the use of meloxicam in veal cattle, and this project will help in establishing a safe meat withdrawal time for use of this product,” says Kendra Keels, VFO's industry development director. “Animal welfare is a key priority for veal farmers in Ontario and the ability to use meloxicam will improve the welfare of animals being treated.”

**Read the full story here:**

On behalf of the department, we want to wish Christina Voll all the best in success and happiness as she takes on an exciting role in the Office of Research as a research project administrator for the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance for the next 18 months. Alex Yurichuck will assist in the transition for the next 6 weeks until an official competition is launched for the remainder of the 18 months. They are lucky to have you Christina...don't let them get used to it!
Graduate Student Corner

Kathy Jacyniak and Anita Luu, our departmental graduate student co-presidents and peer helpers, hosted another "Coffee House" which was very well attended. Thanks to all those who came out and participated in the discussion!
U of G students raise $158,000 for Cancer Research!

Through a grueling overnight test of endurance and a celebration of the human spirit, 700 U of G students raised a record breaking $158,112.33 for the Canadian Cancer Society! U of G now holds the top spot for the most amount fund-raised during a post-secondary Relay for Life event in Canada! Kathy Matuszewska and Madison Pereira were part of the Registration and PDR/Donations subcommittees and helped contribute to the record breaking numbers of participants and money fund-raised for a U of G’s Relay for Life event!

This year, Relay for Life was Harry Potter themed. The Petrik and LaMarre labs joined forces to create a relay team named: Sirius About Curing Cancer. The team raised $1191.98 in total! The Viloria-Petit and Coomber labs also had a relay team named: The Half Blood Scientists and raised a total of $570.60! Thank you to everyone from Biomed department who donated!

Way to go Biomed!!
Sarah LePage for President!

Those of us who teach, or have taught in the DVM curriculum, will understand how challenging it can be to maintain their attention and enthusiasm in our foundational courses. I am pleased to announced that this year, the Jade Jackals (OVC 2022) just appointed Dr. Sarah LePage as honorary class president in recognition for teaching in VETM*3390.

Congrats Sarah!
Our H&S board has a new look! H&S information and news will be posted here, so be sure to stop by and check it out regularly!

**REMINDERS:**

Staff and students *(particularly undergraduate students)* are discouraged from working alone after hours -- Please read the SOP on the department website under “Safety”

Keep SDS and chemical inventory updated! Please provide copies to Sarah Donato

New staff and students must be given a lab safety orientation, and the associated form must be filled out and sent to Sarah Donato. **This is the responsibility of faculty!**

*Inspect and flush your eyewash stations weekly!*

Keep unoccupied rooms locked at all times, and keep valuables/personal belongings out of sight. **Please speak with a member of your H&S committee or a supervisor if you are feeling unsafe in your workplace.**

Thank you to all the graduate students who participated in Andrew Poon’s health and safety survey! Overall, graduate students feel very safe working in the lab — **way to go Biomed!**
Upcoming events

Hey Biomed... Why not help out on Earth Day with a "team" activity! Bring your family and friends to Biomed for a FREE breakfast at 8:30 am, and then head to Guelph Lake to help the rotary club with their tree planting event!

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BIOMED SWAG!!!!
As usual, my door is always open...

so pop in for a chat anytime!!

Tarek Saleh
Dept. Chair