

## Biosketch – Dr. Marcel Behr



Dr. Marcel Behr is Professor of Medicine at McGill University where he is Director of the McGill International TB Centre and Microbiologist-in-Chief of the McGill University Health Centre. His training included BSc (Biochemistry) from the University of Toronto, MD from Queen's University, Residency training in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology at McGill, an MSc (Epidemiology) from McGill and then post-doctoral studies of Molecular Epidemiology and Bacterial Genomics at Stanford.

Dr. Behr's research interest is the application of bacterial genetics to study the epidemiology and pathogenesis of mycobacterial diseases, specifically, *M. tuberculosis*, the cause of TB, BCG, the vaccine used against TB, and non-tuberculous mycobacteria, including members of the *M. avium-intracellular* complex. This work has been recognized by numerous awards, in Quebec (Chercheur National of the Fonds de la Recherche en Sante du Quebec) and beyond (Election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation, 2010). The work of Dr. Behr is funded by operating grants from the Canadian Institute for Health Research, Genome Quebec and the National Institutes of Health.