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IDIGH Program Inauguration Symposium

Friday September 18, 2015

Atrium and Amphitheater of the RI-MUHC, 1001 Boul Decarie



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Welcome From The Symposium Organizers

Dear Symposium Attendees,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our IDIGH Program Inauguration <u>Symposium</u> at the Atrium of the RI-MUHC, starting at 1:00 pm on Friday September 18, 2015.

The objective of our symposium is to mark the inauguration of the Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program (IDIGH) at the RI-MUHC. The program brings together fundamental scientists, clinicians as well as epidemiology and health outcomes researchers who will jointly tackle infectious and immune-mediated diseases of global importance. Research and training conducted within the program are highly interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and have a strong translational focus.

We will take this opportunity to address the importance of private-academic partnerships and scientific collaborations across all CIHR pillars. To this end, our guest speakers include representatives from the private sector, and the Institute of Infection and Immunity of CIHR. All our program members are also appointed at McGill University and the majority of our trainees and graduate students are registered at McGill. To emphasis this link, guest speakers include a representative of McGill University. Since an important metric for the success of the program will be health impact of the research conducted by our members, the list of guest speakers includes a pioneer in developing integrated and comprehensive approaches to pressing global health needs such as the HIV endemic.

We are grateful for the participation of our guest speakers (Drs. Mark Miller, Philippe Gros, Marc Ouellette and Kenneth Mayer), who will present their latest discoveries and new trends in infectious diseases and immunity research in global health.

We thankfully acknowledge our sponsors/partners. Without their generous support it would not be possible to hold this symposium free of charge for the participants.

We thank Ms. Joanne Krief for her valuable assistance in organizing the symposium. We also thank our volunteers Robert Cerone, Lynn Dery Capes, Jean-Yves Dube, Breanna Hodgins, Marcia McKenzie, Vinicius Medeiros Fava, Hanna Ostapska, Nils Pavey, Alessandra Ricciardi, Brendan Snarr, James Stewart, Yong Zhong Xu and Caitlin Zacharias for their help and assistance, ensuring the success of our symposium.

Our symposium has brought together 262 attendees from more than 50 different academic research centres, biotech and pharmaceutical companies as well as vendors and service providers. We hope that the symposium will provide a platform to interact and exchange research ideas in infectious diseases, immunity and global health for this diverse set of attendees. Hopefully, the synergies emerging will lead to innovative new collaborations not only among the RI-MUHC/McGill groups but the larger Canadian and international Global Health communities.

Enjoy the symposium!

Symposium Chairs:

Dr. E. Schurr (IDIGH Program Leader) Drs. M. Behr and M. Pai (IDIGH Associate Program Leaders) **Symposium Organizer**: Dr. J. Liu (IDIGH Program Manager)



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Time	Speaker	Affiliation	Presentation or Activity
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	All	All	Sponsor Product Show
3:00 pm	Erwin Schurr	Professor RI-MUHC and McGill University	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
3:05 pm	Mark Miller	Chief Medical Officer bioMerieux, France	Great Ideas and Eureka Moments: the Difficult Path from Research to the Marketplace
3:40 pm	Philippe Gros	Vice-Dean Life Sciences Faculty of Medicine Professor McGill University	IRF Transcription Factors: Myeloid Cells Development and Susceptibility to Infectious and Inflammatory Diseases
4:15 pm	All	All	Coffee Break, Door Prizes & 1 st iPad Draw
4:45 pm	Marc Ouellette	Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) Scientific Director, CIHR	Preparing and Responding to Emerging Threats of Global Importance at CIHR
5:20 pm	Kenneth Mayer	Director of Medical Research & Co-Chair of the Fenway Institute	The Response to the AIDS Epidemic: A Paradigm for Other Initiatives in Global Health?
5:55 pm	Vassili Papadopoulos	CEO, RI-MUHC Professor McGill University	Closing Remarks
6:00 pm	All	All	Wine & Cheese, 2 nd iPad Draw

Bio-sketches of the Speakers



Dr. Philippe Gros obtained his Ph. D. in Experimental Medicine from McGill University and following postdoctoral training at Massachusetts General Hospital and MIT, joined the Department of Biochemistry at McGill in 1985, where he has been a full Professor since 1994. He is a member of the Center for the Study of Host Resistance, the Goodman Cancer Research Center, is the Director of the Complex Traits Program and is the Vice-Dean (Health Research) of the Faculty of Medicine at McGill. His main area of investigation concerns the genetic analysis of susceptibility to infections, predisposition to neural tube defects, and models of carcinogen-induced cancer. Dr. Gros has been an

International Scholar of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a Distinguished Scientist of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and a James McGill Professor. He has received the Wilder Penfield Prize for Health Sciences (Prix du Quebec), the Canada Council Killam Prize for Health Research, and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Gros acts as an advisor for several organizations, including the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Gros is experience in the biotechnology sector, including co-founder of PhageTech, and Emerillon Therapeutics (Xenon).



Dr. Kenneth Mayer's clinical research career has focused on the natural history and transmission of HIV in the US and in Asia, having developed some of the very first cohort studies and prevention interventions dealing with the AIDS epidemic. Dr. Mayer published some of the earliest data describing the prevalence of HIV among men who had sex with men in the early 1980's, and co-authored the first paper showing that antiretroviral drugs suppressed HIV replication in semen.

Dr. Mayer was trained in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Hospital (1977-80) and in Infectious Diseases and Molecular Epidemiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital (1980-83). As the founding Medical Research Director of Fenway Health, he created a community health research program that has developed an international reputation for its capability to conduct community-based peer reviewed research. He is currently a Professor at Harvard Medical School and

Attending Physician and Director of HIV Prevention Research at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He previously was a Professor of Medicine and Community Health at Brown University. As the Principal Investigator of the Brown-Tufts Fogarty International AIDS Training and Research grant for more than a decade, he has helped develop the research capabilities of almost 100 international investigators, and co-authored some of the first papers describing the natural history of HIV in India. Since 1994, he has been the Principal Investigator of the only NIH-funded HIV Prevention Research Clinical Trials Unit in New England focusing on biobehavioral prevention and chemoprophylaxis. He was the Co-Chair of an NIAID-funded protocol evaluating a community-based prevention intervention for African-American Men who have Sex with Men. He is the co-author of more than 600 peer-reviewed publications, co-authored the first text on AIDS for the general public and has co-edited 5 academic texts. Dr. Mayer has published several key articles about the sexual transmission of Hepatitis C, which have been published in Clinical Infectious Diseases and related journals, and have participated in clinical trials to optimize Hepatitis C management.

Dr. Mayer has served on the national boards of the HIV Medicine Association, the American Foundation for AIDS Research and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. He has received awards recognizing his work from the Governor of Massachusetts, the Rhode Island Medical Society, the American College of Physicians, the Infectious Disease Society of America, and the American Foundation for AIDS Research. He served on the national CDC/HRSA HIV Advisory Board and is currently a member of the Governing Council of the International AIDS society.



Dr. Mark Miller has been the full-time Chief Medical Officer at bioMérieux since 2012 and is a member of the company's Executive Management Committee. Originally from Montreal (Canada), he is a medical clinician, certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Clinical Microbiology. He also possesses a Master's degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He is a former Full Professor and current Adjunct Professor of Medicine at McGill University. Before joining bioMérieux, he worked full-time as the Head of Infectious Diseases, the Chair of Infection Prevention and Control, as well as the Chief of Clinical Microbiology at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Miller has multiple roles within bioMerieux, contained within the Office of Medical and Scientific Affairs. He is the

head of the Global Medical Affairs group, the Medical Diagnostics Discovery Department, the Clinical Affairs and Regulatory Affairs groups and the Companion Diagnostics activities. His major concentration is on demonstrating the medical value and health benefits of the company's diagnostic tools, focusing on improving outcomes for patients, healthcare institutions and the entire medical system. He also continues to undertake part-time research on healthcare-associated infections at McGill University.



Dr. Marc Ouellette is the Scientific Director of the Institute of Infectious Disease and Immunity of CIHR since January 1st, 2010. In this capacity, he has led the conception and implementation of several research initiatives in the areas of organ transplantation, inflammation, microbiome, vaccines and antibiotic resistance. Dr. Ouellette also oversees the development and outcomes of the HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Research Initiatives.

Dr. Ouellette obtained his Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biochemistry at Ottawa University and received his PhD at Laval University on antibiotic resistance in bacteria. His postdoctoral studies were done under the mentorship of Pr. Piet Borst of the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam, where he further developed his expertise in antimicrobial resistance studying protozoan parasites.

In 1990 he joined the Centre de Recherche en Infectiologie, of

Laval University as an Assistant professor and is now full professor. Dr. Ouellette's research is focused on antimicrobial resistance where he has made seminal discoveries on resistance mechanism in protozoanparasites. More recently he has implemented proteomic and DNA microarray strategies to study antimicrobial resistance in the parasite Leishmania and the bacteria Streptococcus pneumoniae.

Dr. Ouellette has received numerous awards for his work including a New Investigator Award in Molecular Parasitology from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, a MRC Scientist Award, a Scholar Award in Molecular Parasitology of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Antimicrobial Resistance. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. He has served on numerous panels of national and international granting agencies and is a strong supporter of scientific exchanges with developing countries.

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IDIGH Program Overview

Le programme en maladies infectieuses et immunité en santé mondiale (MIISM) réunit l'expertise, les ressources et les points forts de la recherche en maladies infectieuses, en immunologie et en santé mondiale dans trois domaines. Il comprend 18 groupes de recherche en laboratoire au Centre de biologie translationnelle (CBT), 16 groupes ciblant les recherches évaluatives en santé et en épidémiologie au Centre de recherche évaluative en santé (CRES) et 25 groupes menant des recherches cliniques en association avec le Centre de médecine innovatrice (CMI). Le programme est conçu pour agir comme catalyseur de la recherche innovatrice et pour établir des pipelines de découvertes sur des maladies choisies. Il vise aussi à former la prochaine génération de scientifiques en recherches biomédicales, cliniques et évaluatives, et à contribuer au renforcement des capacités des pays pauvres qui sont affectés de façon disproportionnée par les maladies liées à la pauvreté (p. ex., la tuberculose, la lèpre, le virus de l'immunodéficience humaine (VIH) et les maladies tropicales négligées). L'interaction synergétique des approches méthodologiques assure que les recherches et la formation réalisées au sein du programme sont interdisciplinaires et multidisciplinaires, et ont une forte composante translationnelle.

The Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program (IDIGH) unites expertise, resources and research strengths in infectious diseases, immunology and global health across three domains. It comprises 18 laboratory-based research groups at the Centre for Translational Biology (CTB), 16 groups with a focus on epidemiology and health outcomes research from the Centre for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE), and 25 groups conducting clinical research associated with the Centre for Innovative Medicine (CIM). The program is designed to act as a catalyst for innovative research and establish discovery pipelines in select diseases. It also aims to train the next generation of scientists in biomedical, clinical, and health outcomes research, and to facilitate capacity-building in resource-poor countries that are disproportionately affected by diseases of poverty (for example, tuberculosis, leprosy, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and neglected tropical diseases). The synergistic interaction of methodological approaches ensures that research and training conducted within the program is interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, with a strong translational focus.

For more details of our IDIGH Program, please visit our website (http://idigh.ca).



Booth Layout Atrium, the RI-MUHC Friday September 18, 2015 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Venue of the Event:

E-S1 of block E (seen below in red), 1001 Boul Decarie, Glen Site, Montreal, Quebec H4A 3J1

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Metro: Vendôme station on the Orange Line is a few minutes walking distance **Bus:**17, 37, 90, 102, 104, 105 and 124 stop at Vendôme station, and 78, 24 and 63 stop near the MUHC Glen site and 77 stops at the MUHC Glen site private road **Commuter trains:** Vendôme metro station connects to: Saint-Jérôme, Candiac and Vaudreuil/Hudson

Car: easily accessible from highways 15, 20 and 720. The public Glen parking lot entrance is on Décarie Blvd- Parking: Entrance (seen below light blue arrow) cost: \$25 per day Elevator: press **S1**, and follow the signs to E block (seen below in red)





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