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IDIGH Symposium 2019

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Friday October 4

McGill University Health Centre, Glen Site, Block E

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IDIGHProgram

Dear Symposium Attendees,

It is with great pleasure that the Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health Program (IDIGH) of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI-MUHC) welcomes you to join its fifth annual Symposium.

The objective of the IDIGH Symposium is to provide a platform for all participants to interact and exchange research ideas in the area of infectious diseases, immunity and global health. Each year the symposium brings together approximately 250 attendees from more than 40 different academic research departments, centers and institutions or companies. They are graduate students, established researchers, highly qualified research professionals or representatives of companies that provide a broad range of lab equipment, drugs, chemicals, new technologies and services. The synergies emerging from our symposium lead to innovative new collaborations not only among the RI-MUHC/McGill groups but also in the larger Canadian and international Global Health communities. This ecosystem contributes to the training of our students who will constitute the workforce of tomorrow.

The 2019 IDIGH Symposium is focusing on translational research across the life span. We are grateful for the participation of our guest speakers who are leading experts in the fields of parasitology (Dr. Kevin Kain), HIV and clinical trials (Dr. Sharon Walmsley), susceptibility and immune responses to sexually transmitted viruses (Dr. Charu Kaushic) and molecular mechanisms of autoimmune diseases (Dr. Katherine Siminovitch). We are looking forward to learning about the latest results of their cutting-edge research and are enthusiastic to learn from their valuable experience.



The IDIGH program



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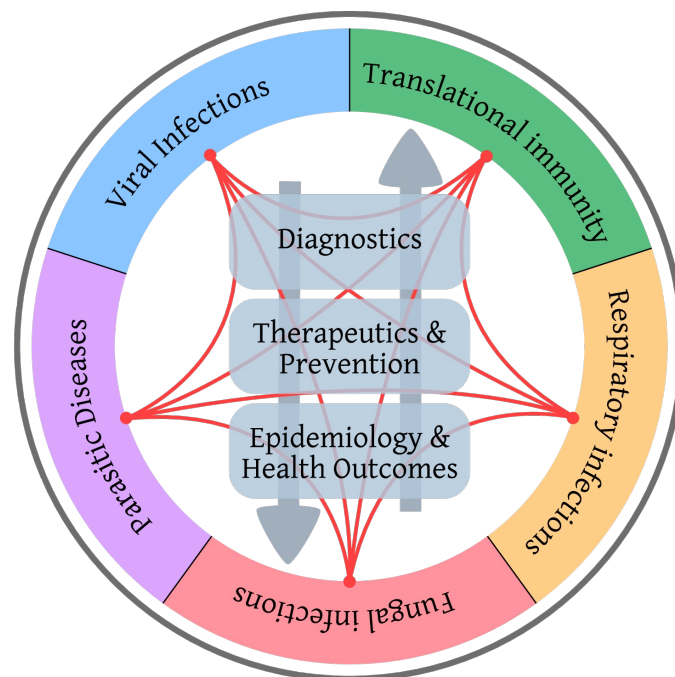


IDIGHProgram

The Infectious Diseases and Immunity in Global Health (IDIGH) program is comprised of 60 fundamental research scientists and clinicians who jointly tackle infectious and immune-mediated diseases of global importance and are affiliated with four centres: Centre for Translational Biology, Centre for Health Outcomes Research, Centre for Innovative Medicine and McGill.

The program focuses on 5 major research areas based on societal need, economic opportunity and expertise of IDIGH members: respiratory infections (tuberculosis and influenza); viral infections (HIV, Hepatitis B and C virus); allergy, auto-immunity and immune regulation in health and disease (systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, food allergy, dermatitis); fungal and bacterial infections and immune impaired patients (aspergillosis, candidiasis, pseudomonas, CF); and global and neglected infectious diseases (malaria, leprosy, leishmaniasis, helminthiasis).

The program acts as catalyst for multidisciplinary interactions and puts emphasis on translational objectives. This approach taken by the IDIGH program allows it to have a global impact in the improvement of patient care and health policies for infectious and immune-mediated diseases.



Symposium Schedule

10:30-12:00

Registration

Collect your name tag and door prize sponsor sheet
Deadline for registration: September 26 (idigh.ca/symposium-rsvp).

10:30-12:00

Sponsor product show, coffee and pastries

Visit sponsor booths, collect stamps and enjoy refreshments

12:00-1:25

Sponsor product show and lunch

Lunch will be served to registered guests

1:25-1:30

Introductory remarks – Dr. Bruce Mazer

Executive Director/Chief Scientific Officer of the RI-MUHC

1:30-2:05

Keynote speaker – Dr. Kevin Kain

How common infections in pregnancy can alter a child's life trajectory

2:05-2:40

Keynote speaker – Dr. Sharon Walmsley

The greying of the HIV epidemic—is there accelerated or accentuated aging?

2:40-3:00

Coffee Break

3:00-3:35

Keynote speaker – Dr. Charu Kaushic

Understanding the biological causes for changes in HIV susceptibility in women over the life span

3:35-4:10

Keynote speaker – Dr. Katherine A. Siminovitch

Connecting genomics research to new understanding of autoimmune disease cause and management

4:10-4:35

Closing remarks – Dr. Erwin Schurr

Closing remarks, IDIGH Travel awards and door prizes

4:35-6:00

Wine and cheese and networking

Mingle among your colleagues!

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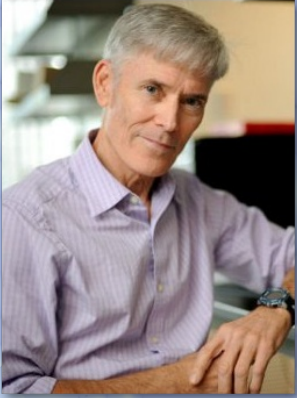


Dr. Katherine A. Siminovitch



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Keynote Speakers



Dr. Kevin Kain

Canada Research Chair in Molecular Parasitology.

Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto.

Science Director, Tropical Disease Unit, Toronto General Hospital-University Health Network.

Director, SA Rotman Laboratories, Sandra Rotman Centre for Global Health.

Dr. Kain's research career began with the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) working on the 1st generation of malaria vaccines including the 1st field trials (Thai-Cambodian border). His efforts now focus on the pathobiology of life-threatening infections in order to develop new diagnostics and interventions to improve outcomes. Dr Kain's efforts are also focused on global maternal and child health, gender equality, knowledge sharing and education, including the transfer of appropriate technologies and the training of scientists in the developing world, enabling and empowering them to address their own problems in a sustainable fashion. He operates multiple global research projects including projects in Mozambique, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania, Colombia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

In December 2017 he was invited to speak at the White House on the emergence of an alarming multi-drug resistant strain of malaria and its implications for US foreign policy and US multi-nationals. He has also served as a consultant to many organizations including the Gates Foundation, Red Cross, PATH, US Department of Defense, and the CDC.



Keynote Speakers



Dr. Sharon Walmsley

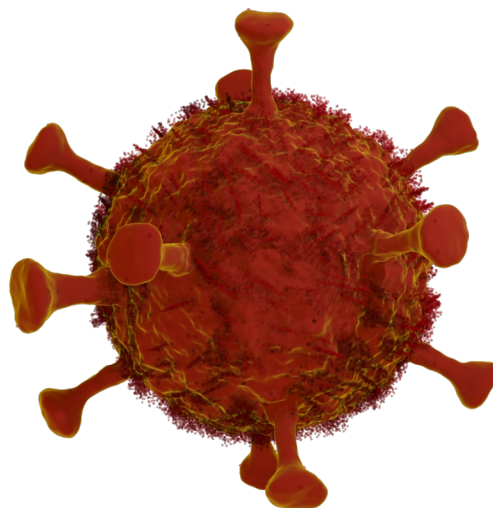
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Dr. Walmsley is the Director of the Immunodeficiency Clinic, Toronto Hospital, University Health Network and a Professor, University of Toronto Department of Medicine. She is a Senior Scientist at the Toronto General Hospital Research Institute and the Co-Chair of the CIHR-Canadian HIV Trials Network.

She is actively involved in the design, conduct and analysis of many clinical trials, including trials in HIV therapy; prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections, and management of the complications of treatment. She has had a longstanding and strong interest in gender differences in HIV in women. She has been an advocate of gender specific analysis of clinical trials of antiretroviral therapy.

She holds numerous peer-reviewed publications and research awards related to clinical trials in HIV. She is the recipient of a Chair in HIV Clinical Management and Aging from the Ontario HIV Treatment Network. In June 2017, she was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada contributions in HIV Research especially related to advancing therapy for women, and mentoring young female investigators.



Keynote Speakers



Dr. Charu Kaushic

*Professor, Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster
Immunology Research Centre, McMaster University*

Dr. Kaushic is the Scientific Director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity since 2018. She is a full Professor in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, a member of the McMaster Immunology Research Centre and the Michael De Groote Institute of Infectious Disease Research and an Associate Faculty in Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Kaushic obtained her PhD at National Institute of Immunology in New Delhi, followed by post-doctorate in the area of mucosal immunity at Dartmouth Medical School. She joined McMaster University in 2002, where she has done extensive teaching and training and built an interdisciplinary research program for last 15 years. Her research interest is women's reproductive health, specifically basic, clinical and translational research examining susceptibility and immune responses to sexually transmitted viruses, HIV-1 and HSV-2. She particularly focus on the effect of female sex hormones, co-infections and microbiome on mucosal immunity to viral STIs. Dr. Kaushic has special interest in public education, especially on women's reproductive health issues and has long term collaborations with community research organizations.

Dr. Kaushic's research has been funded by CIHR, CFI, CANFAR and OHTN. She received numerous national and international awards including a Rockefeller post-doctoral fellowship, CIHR New Investigator Award, OHTN Research Scholar award, OHTN Research Chair award and recently an American Journal of Reproductive Immunology Research Excellence Award. She has served on a number of scientific panels including CIHR, NIH and is a member of CIHR College of Reviewers. She was a research representative on OHTN Board of Directors and Secretary of the American Society of Reproductive Immunology.

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Katherine A. Siminovitch

‡ Senior Scientist, Mount Sinai Hospital/University Health Network

Dr. Siminovitch is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, holds an MD from the University of Toronto, and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology. She serves as the Director of the Fred A. Litwin Family Centre of Genetic Medicine at the University Health Network (UHN) and Mount Sinai Hospital and also founded and directs the UHN/MSH Clinical Genomics Centre.

Dr. Siminovitch's research program is directed at identifying the molecular factors which regulate normal immune responses and, when disrupted, result in immune deficiency or autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, granulomatosis with polyangiitis and other autoimmune inflammatory conditions. Using both basic research tools and clinical sample sets, Dr. Siminovitch has made many seminal contributions to defining the genetic variants predisposing to these diseases and the molecular pathways which couple these lesions to cell dysfunction and disease. Over the past few years, she has initiated a personalized healthcare platform at MSH, aimed at integrating advanced molecular information with clinical data so as to identify gene variants influencing disease risk and genetic/immunologic predictors of disease course and treatment responses.

Dr. Siminovitch has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the American Association of Physicians and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and she holds a Canada Research Chair in Immunogenomics.



Product Show

10:30

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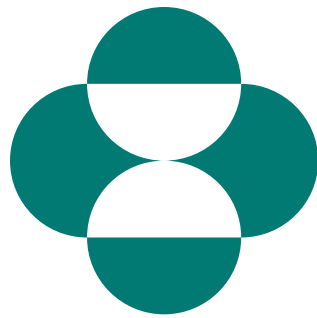
To be eligible to win one of many exciting door prizes, you must visit at least 15 vendor booths and collect a stamp form each of them. Once you have a minimum of 15 stamps, return the stamped sheet to the registration desk and you will be entered in the door prize draw. Good luck to all who participate!

2:30



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