Message from the Program Director

This year’s Annual Scientific Retreat on May 10 was a great success. Thanks to all participating faculty and students for terrific talks, posters, scientific discussions, networking and enthusiasm! Thanks also to our five major sponsors: Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT), Illumina, Nikon, StemCell Technologies and Zeiss for their generous contributions.

New Members

Welcome to new faculty member Carol Schuurmans, who recently moved her lab to Toronto from the University of Calgary. Carol is a Senior Scientist at Sunnyside Research Institute and a Professor in the Biochemistry Department. It was great to see Carol and other new faculty at the retreat.

I’d also like to welcome two new students, Parana Talukder (McNeill lab) and Mengyi Song (Phillip Smith, Scott lab) to the program. I enjoyed meeting many of our new students at the retreat.

Awards - Annual Scientific Retreat

Congratos to our Annual Retreat Poster winners: Crisso Rose (Ciruna lab), Kim Suok (Klein lab), Adam Kramer (Glotz lab), Curtis Bowell (Ciruna lab), Syed Husnae (Glotz lab) and Xaerell Yuen (Scott lab).

We had four excellent student speakers. Prizes for the best talks were given to Eric Chapman (1st place, Perry lab) and Abida Ahmed (2nd place, Delgado Olivas lab). The excellent reactive travel awards will subsidize their attendance at a scientific conference. Congratulations.

Spring Social

Our first Spring social event, “Beers with Brian”, was a big success. 26 students and faculty participated in a conversation with Brian Ciruna covering topics ranging from science to career advice. We will host similar events, at least one per semester, in the next academic year.

New/Old Distinguished Lecturer’s Series

We are re-inaugurating the CPDB Distinguished Lecturer’s Series. Look for announcements in future CPDB Newsletters and other distributions of all of T. Thanks to Penney Gilbert, Ian Scott and Junior West for serving on the organizing committee. Please send along any suggestions or ideas for expanding the Distinguished Lecturer’s Series.

Cheers,

Julie Brill

Selected Recent Publications from our Members


