62nd Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for Molecular Biosciences (CSMB) at IRIC

MONTREAL, May 31, 2019 – On the occasion of the 62nd Annual Conference of the CSMB, the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer (IRIC) of the Université de Montréal is delighted to play host to: *Model Systems in Cancer Research*, to be held from June 2 to June 5, 2019. More specifically, this conference will focus on research relevant for understanding the biological basis of cancer using a variety of model systems including model organisms, *in vitro* systems and computer modeling.

Distinguished speakers

More than thirty speakers and special guests have confirmed their attendance. The list includes Mrs. **Helen McNeill**, Ph.D., of the Washington University School of Medicine, who we are honoured to have as our keynote speaker, and Mrs. **Mona Nemer**, Ph.D., Chief Science Advisor of Canada, who will take part in the Science & Society workshop.

A stimulating program for the scientific community

The conference will bring together close to 300 researchers, students and postdocs from all over Canada to present their research involving topics related to basic cancer biology. Eighty oral presentations will be delivered during parallel sessions with the following themes: Yeast, Invertebrates, Murine models, Vertebrate models, Emerging model organisms, Biochemical and biophysical models, Chemical biology, Stem cells, Models of cancer hematopoiesis and immunity, Patient derived xenografts, Cellular and tissue models, Computer modeling, Synthetic biology and Genomic engineering. Over a hundred poster presentations will also be made. Oral presentations will also be delivered in plenary by 2019 CSMB award winners.

The CSMB Annual Conference also provides an opportunity to network and to exchange on important issues in biomedical research: equity, diversity and inclusion; science and society; the promotion of research to politicians and the general public, and career planning.

About the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer (IRIC) of the Université de Montréal

An ultra-modern research hub and training centre located in the heart of the Université de Montréal, the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer of the Université de Montréal was created in 2003 to shed light on the mechanisms of cancer and discover new, more effective therapies to counter this disease. IRIC operates according to a model that is unique in Canada. Its innovative

approach to research has already led to discoveries that will, over the coming years, have a significant impact on the fight against cancer.

Consult our virtual press kit: https://www.iric.ca/overview/#MN-00

About the CSMB

The Canadian Society for Molecular Biosciences is a professional association of active researchers in Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology and Genetics. The CSMB is committed to the promotion of equity, diversity and inclusion in molecular biosciences across Canada – as a way of leveraging all our human capital. The CSMB plays an important role to foster interaction, communication and collaboration amongst discovery scientists, and to build the next generation of researchers for academia, industry and the entrepreneurial enterprise.

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