AAPS McGill Student Chapter

Career Day in Pharmaceutical Sciences

In collaboration with McGill CaPS

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Our student chapter is the first in Quebec of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), an international professional organization that brings together members of the pharmaceutical community from academia, the industry, and the government. The goal of the AAPS McGill Student Chapter is to promote the exchange of knowledge and ideas among the diverse branches of pharmaceutical sciences. We coordinate regular activities that include inviting speakers of diverse background, holding small group discussions, organizing a variety of social activities, and promoting a social outreach program, and much more.

Our chapter has now more than 30 students from different departments. Our past activities including wine & cheese, invited talk, lunch with speaker, and CÉGEP outreach programs. We are always looking for students of all degree levels and background with similar interests in pharmaceutical sciences to join our group!

Event Location
Brown Student Services Building, Suite 5001
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Programme

2.30-2.45
Registration

2.45-3
Introduction

3-5
Mentor Me Over Coffee

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2.30 – 5pm

How

- ❑ Upon arrival, choose and sign up for the tables of the mentors you would like to meet the most
- ❑ Take a seat at your first table
- ❑ Familiarize yourself with the mentors by reading their bio in the following pages
- ❑ Discuss as much or as little as you want with the mentor at your table. Ask all your questions. Don't forget to make some friends with the fellow students!
- ❑ When you hear the signal to change table, rotate to the next table to meet your next choice of mentor
- ❑ Take advantage of the wide range of professions and personalities
- ❑ Enjoy! And don't forget to fill out the feedback form!

Mentors

Janice Albert, MSc
PhD Candidate

Prior to joining McGill University to pursue her PhD degree, Janice Albert worked for 17 years in the pharmaceutical industry in clinical research (Phase III studies, Special Access Programs) and in medical affairs (Phase IIIb, Phase IV studies, Investigator Initiated Studies).

During that time, Janice held different positions, including: Clinical Research Associate (6yrs), Project Manager of Clinical Research (3yrs), Manager of Clinical Research/Medical Affairs (3 yrs) and Senior Manager of Medical Affairs (5 years).

Mentors

Dr. Cameron Black
VP Discovery at Kaneq Pharm

Dr. Cameron Black holds a B.Sc. from the University of Saskatchewan, a Ph.D. in chemistry from Harvard University and has 18 years of drug discovery experience with Merck. He started his career working on Cox-2 inhibitors, contributing to both the Vioxx® and Arcoxia® programs. He was the team leader for the discovery and early development of the veterinary product Previcox®, currently marketed by Merial. Dr. Black then led the cathepsin K inhibitor program that identified odanacatib, a once-weekly treatment for osteoporosis that has just completed Phase III studies. He successfully guided this product from preclinical development through to the start of Phase IIb. Dr. Black next had responsibility for the chemistry programs in Metabolic Disorders at Merck Frosst and in 2009 took on the chemistry leadership for HIV and antibacterial projects. In 2010 he was made Site Scientific Operations Lead, responsible for the objectives and staffing of all discovery programs at Merck Frosst. Currently, Dr. Black is the founder and Vice President of Discovery at Kaneq Pharma, an early-development stage pharmaceutical company working on metabolic diseases and cancer. Dr. Black is the author of more than 50 scientific publications and is an inventor on 25 issued patents.

Mentors

Parsa Famili
President and CEO of Novatek International

Mr. Parsa Famili obtained his M.Sc. in chemistry from Concordia University under the supervision of Prof. Youla Tsantrizos. Following his graduate studies, he taught at Vanier College as instructor of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He then joined Valeant Pharmaceuticals and Draxis Pharma consecutively to work as manager of quality. Currently, Mr. Famili holds the position of president and CEO of Novatek International, a dynamic company that provides software solutions to biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.

Mentors

Dr. Lee Fader
Principal Scientist at Boehringer Ingelheim

Dr. Lee Fader obtained his B.Sc. in chemistry from Concordia University. Following his undergraduate studies, he moved to McGill University to pursue his PhD degree under the supervision of Dr. Youla Tsantrizos. He then moved to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology as an NSERC postdoctoral fellow with Professor Erick Carreira. In 2004, he joined Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd. in the medicinal chemistry department where his focus was on the discovery of small molecule antiviral agents. In 2013, Dr. Fader joined the department of medicinal chemistry at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as Lab Leader and Principal Scientist where his focus is on small molecule drug discovery in the areas of immunology and cardiometabolic disorders.

Mentors

Dr. Patricia Folkins
Partner at Bereskin & Parr LLP

Dr. Patricia Folkins is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP and head of the firm's Chemical practice group.
Dr. Folkins' practice focuses on preparing and prosecuting patent applications in chemical, biotechnology and pharmaceutical matters. She also assesses new technology and conducts portfolio management.
Dr. Folkins completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Yale University before joining a leading biopharmaceutical company where she spent several years as a research scientist and then as a technical advisor in their patent department. Patricia also previously worked at a prominent Canadian university as a Manager of Intellectual Property. She has co-authored several articles that have appeared in scientific journals including The Journal of Organic Chemistry, The Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, and Tetrahedron Letters. She has also given presentations on intellectual property matters in general, and on issues specific to chemical and pharmaceutical patenting.

Mentors

Daniella Marks, MSc
Medical and creative writer at Jeffrey Simbrow Associates

Ms. Daniella Marks obtained her B.Sc. and M.Sc. in biochemistry from McGill University in 2010. Following her graduate studies, she moved to GLC Communications as a senior medical writer, where she worked on creating and developing medical documents targeting healthcare professionals and patients, and on implementing Canadian and International government advertising policies. She then joined Jeffrey Simbrow Associates in late 2012 as a medical and creative writer specializing in insomnia, opioid dependence and women's health treatment indications.

Mentors

Dr. Adrien Musuku

Director of Bioanalyticals at Pharmascience

Dr. Adrien Musuku has over 15 years of experience in management of Analytical and Bioanalytical Laboratory operations as well as clinical research including phase 1 development studies, drug-drug interaction and bioequivalence.

Dr.Musuku joined Pharmascience in 2010 and is a Director in charge of the bioanalytical development as well as the pharmacokinetic and clinical operations. He leads a group of scientists who develop and validate LC/MS/MS bioanalytical assays for the quantitative determination of small molecules in various biologic fluids mainly in support of bioequivalence studies. He also directs a group of PK scientists and Clinical research associates for the management of both bioequivalence and innovative programs.

Prior to joining Pharmascience, Dr. Musuku served as a Bioanalytical Director, Innovative Sector at Anapharm/Pharmanet in Quebec, Canada. Earlier, he was a Director, Laboratory Operations and Research and Development Director at Cantest in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He has a Doctor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Antwerp in Belgium.Dr. Musuku has over 60 publications and external presentations, has chaired workshop/conference sessions and serves on the scientific committee of the Canadian Forum for Analytical and Bioanalytical Sciences (CFABS).

Mentors

Dr. May Shawi

Medical & Science liaison at Janssen

Dr. May Shawi obtained her B.Sc. in Biochemistry from McGill University. She later obtained a graduate degree in Biotechnology at Harvard University and completed a PhD at the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University. She is now currently working at Janssen as a Medical Science Liaison.

Dr. Shawi has published many peer-reviewed articles in interdisciplinary fields such as genetics, immunology and oncology. She gave numerous presentations at the national and international level.

Her involvement in the biotechnology industry is diversified. In addition to acquiring professional experience at the Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research in Boston, she has over four years of pharmacy management experience. In 2009, she founded 'BioTech Montreal', a networking group for life sciences and corporate professionals with over 600 members. She also holds a position at the Jewish General Hospital Next Generation Foundation and is currently working with Skillsets for Teaching and Learning Services.

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