

# the **ACB** newsletter



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## NEWS

On October 3rd 2018, Dr. Alison Allan and two graduate students from the Translational Breast Cancer Research Unit (Nivin Nystrom and Lawrence Yip), participated in live TV interviews on the Weather Network about their research, to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

- News
- New Publications
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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

**Laird DW, Lampe PD. Therapeutic strategies targeting connexins.** Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2018 Oct 12. doi: 10.1038/nrd.2018.138. [Epub ahead of print] Review. PMID: 30310236



## MURRAY BARR LECTURE

The 25th Annual Murray Barr Lecture was held on Friday October 5th. Dr. Robin Murray was our guest speaker, addressing a full auditorium with his keynote lecture on **Cannabis-associated psychosis; clinical significance and biological mechanisms**.

Following that, our Annual Research Day was held at Brescia College offering up an enlightened day of oral and poster presentations by students from our department.

Special thanks goes out to Dr. Steven Laviolette for hosting our guest speaker and moderating Research Presentations; and to Faye Carr and Tom Chrones for handling all administrative, technical and logistical aspects of the day.

## RESEARCH DAY AWARD WINNERS

A fantastic job was done by all entrants, making the task of judging a difficult one. At the end of the day, winners were recognized in the following categories:

### Masters-Biological Research (poster)

Mariyan Jeyarajah

### Masters-Clinical Anatomy (poster)

Akmal Shahzad

### Research Award PhD students (poster)

Kelly Baines

### Post-Doctoral Fellow Category (poster)

Dr. Adrian Buensuceso

### Oral Presentation Award

Gargi Jaju

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Hornberger J., Graf, R.P., Hullings, M., Attard G., **Allan A.**, Dittamore R., Scher, H.I. Overall survival (OS) implications for patients with mCRPC through coverage and adoption of nuclear AR-V7 testing by healthcare systems. European Society for Medical Oncology 2018 Congress, October 19-23, 2018, Munich, Germany.

Raphael, J., Lefebvre, C., **Allan, A.**, Helou, J., Boldt, G., and Vandenberg, T. Everolimus in advanced breast cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis. European Society for Medical Oncology 2018 Congress, October 19-23, 2018, Munich, Germany.

Penuela, Silvia *Inhibition of Pannexin 1 reduces tumorigenic properties of melanoma*. Invited platform presentation. Conference: "Connexin and Pannexins channels in inflammation and cancer" MUNCYT Coruña, Spain. September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Penuela, Silvia *Pannexin 1 channels regulate stem cell differentiation and malignant transformation*. Invited seminar speaker. Centro de Investigaciones Científicas Avanzadas. Universidad de A Coruña. Galicia, Spain. September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Penuela, Silvia Meeting organizer and Graduate Student Workshop coordinator. Science Xpression 2018. September 24-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. INIBIC/CICA A Coruña, Spain.

Penuela, Silvia *Comunicación celular en la lucha contra el melanoma*. Invited seminar. Lay talk for the CorBI Citizen Science Series (CCS). National Museum of Science and Technology. A Coruña, Spain. September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Silvia Penuela received Western's **Leadership in Wellness Award of Recognition**. This award recognizes Western faculty members who promote the mental health of their students in their daily work at Western.

Gargi Jaju presented a poster presentation at the Canadian Conference on Epigenetics, winning a travel award to attend the meeting (\$750).

## SOCIAL SCENE

- ♦ The ACB Hallowe'en Bake Sale will take place Monday October 29th from 10 am—3 pm in the lobby of MSB. If you would like to help out please contact Ornela Kljakic at [okljakic@uwo.ca](mailto:okljakic@uwo.ca)
- ♦ The **Anatomy and Cell Biology Social Committee** will be hosting a pumpkin carving contest to celebrate the coming Halloween. For \$10, your lab can purchase a pumpkin and carving kit set. Additional pumpkins may be purchased for \$5 each. To sign your lab up, send an email to Patrick Murphy at [pmurph23@uwo.ca](mailto:pmurph23@uwo.ca) including your lab's room number and the number of pumpkins you'd like to purchase.
- ♦ The ACB Annual Hallowe'en Potluck and Costume Party will take place on Wednesday October 31st from 12 pm until 2 pm in HSA101. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Sign-up for your potluck item here: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=PAGF7368>



## Did You Hear?

On September 10th, 2018 recent graduate and PhD Alumni, Dr. Danielle Brewer, and her husband Simon, welcomed baby Elcid David Deluce. Everyone is doing well and residing in Hamilton where Danielle is completing a post-doctoral fellowship at McMaster University.



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