



## CONGRATS TO...

- Maxim Seferovic and Alister Gould for successful PhD defenses
- Chris Hughes (Dr. Lajoie's lab) for receiving a prestigious EMBL Interdisciplinary Postdocs Award
- Dr. Peter Rogan for a notice of allowance for extending the technology of US Patent 5,849,492 for validation with clinical samples and identification of species within a mixture of organisms (US Patent 8,076,104 issued 13 Dec 2011)

## UPCOMING GRANTS

### CIHR

[Operating Grants](#) 1 Feb/1 Mar

[Dissemination Events](#) 15 Feb

[Planning Grants](#) 15 Feb

### Cancer Research Society

[Operating Grants](#) 15 Feb

### CCSRI

[Innovation Grants](#) 15 Feb/1 Apr

[Impact Grants](#) 1 Feb/1 Sept

## DID YOU KNOW?

UWO's first Biochemistry Honors BSc was awarded in 1968.

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## Happy 50th Anniversary to MBL

Present occupants of UWO's Molecular Biology Laboratories (MBL) recently assembled for a group photo to celebrate this building's 50th anniversary.

Thanks to the National Cancer Institute, MBL opened on 22 November 1961 as the Cancer Research Laboratory under the direction of



**MBL group photo**

Courtesy of Catherine Neelamkavil

Prof. Wallace. In 1989, the building was re-named the London Life Molecular Biology Laboratories. Today, MBL houses part of the Biochemistry Dept., including the offices and labs of Drs. Brandl, Edgell, Gloor, and Haniford; and the offices of Dr. McLachlin and Judy Penchuk.

## People (and Other) Stuff

Welcome to Dr. Vikash Kumar Jha (post-doc in Dr. Ling's lab) and Pascal Mercier (Dr. Shaw's lab).

Several Biochemistry faculty were highlighted in the 2011 [Rapport](#) magazine (Drs. Berube, Hegele, Lo, McLachlin, Siqueira).

The annual Biochemistry Christmas party took place on the after-



**Food anyone?**

noon of 6 December in the Biochemistry board room. The

crowds of people enjoyed the buffet food and conversation. If you were late getting there, you probably missed some of the treats because of our hungry grad students! Thanks to all who organized the party. Photo courtesy of Melita Hayes. Happy holidays and all the best to everyone for 2012...

## Publication News

### Publications from the labs and collaborators of...

Dr. Peter Ainsworth (hemochromatosis screening practices)

Drs. Rodenhiser/Berube/Mann (Canadian Conf. on Epigenetics)

Dr. James Choy (intrinsically disordered proteins)

Dr. Gabe DiMattia (AKT activity in ovarian cancer spheroids)

Dr. Greg Gloor (vaginal microbiome and gene array)

Dr. Rob Hegele (plasma triglycerides)(TMEM237 in Joubert Syn-

drome Related Disorder)

Drs. Rob Hegele/Murray Huff (hypertriglyceridemia)

Dr. Robert Hudson (peptide nucleic acids anti-miRs)(ParaCEST MRI contrast agents)(protected PNA monomers)

Dr. Lars Konermann (dissociation of protein complexes)(mass spectrometry of bacteriorhodopsin)(structure of peptide ions using mass spectrometry) (polymer chains in charged water droplets)

Dr. Shawn Li (DomPep Prediction Method)

Dr. David Litchfield (down-regulation

of EGFR and HER-2 by triazines)

Dr. Susan Meakin (FRS2 and FRS3 in prostate cancer)

Dr. Tony Rupar (arylsulfatase A deficiency)(transcobalamin deficiency)

Dr. Caroline Schild-Poulter (Ku and DNA damage)

Dr. Gary Shaw (dehydratase WcbK, reductase WcaG)

Dr. Victoria Siu (X-linked heterotaxy)

Dr. Eva Turley (chondroitin sulfate proteoglycan 4 - review)(imaging using HA-based probes)

[See recent publication details here.](#)