



2017 Symposium highlights

The 10th edition of the RQR Symposium was held on November 14th and 15th 2017 at the Pavillon La Coop in St-Hyacinthe, and was preceded by a pre-Symposium workshop titled "Mitigating gender bias in science".

Gender equality in science is a key issue that has received considerable recent attention, and many interesting points were raised that generated much discussion at the workshop. Thirty-six RQR scientists and trainees were in attendance.

At the RQR Symposium, RQR director Dr. Derek Boerboom introduced the "new" RQR, mentioning aspects that will remain the same while presenting new initiatives that are being undertaken. During the Symposium, we also thanked Julie Blouin for her 7 years of service to the RQR. Julie received an honorary plaque from former RQR director Bruce D. Murphy.



Pre-Symposium workshop on "Mitigating gender bias in science"



Bruce D. Murphy and Julie Blouin

In addition to the conferences from our three guest speakers, participants attended 17 platform presentations and 59 posters. Here are the students who particularly distinguished themselves:

Winners, best platform presentations:

1. **Mayra Tsoi**, Université de Montréal (1st prize – 300 \$)
2. **Yining Li**, McGill University (tied 2nd prize – 150 \$)
3. **Virginie Bertrand-Lehouillier**, Université de Montréal (tied 2nd prize – 150 \$)

Winners, best poster presentation:

1. **Roxane Assaf**, McGill University (1st prize – 300 \$)
2. **Tatiana Cardinal**, Université du Québec à Montréal (2nd prize – 200 \$)
3. **Anne-Sophie Pépin**, McGill University (3rd prize – 100 \$)



From left to right: Anne-Sophie Pépin, Roxane Assaf, Virginie Bertrand-Lehouillier, Yining Li, Mayra Tsoi, Isabelle Plante and Gustavo Zamberlam

As for all RQR Symposia, two RQR members were honored for their knowledge transfer efforts, highlighting the links they have built with reproductive research end-users. Here are the recipients of the 2017 RQR KT Awards:

- Researcher Award: **Dr. Vardit Ravitsky**, Université de Montréal (absent at the award ceremony)
- Student Award: **Océane Albert**, PhD student, McGill University

The RQR wishes to congratulate all these winners and would also like to thank all the participants:

it is thanks to you that the RQR is an exceptional network!



MdC awarded to Océane Albert by Claude Robert

RQR scholarships

The RQR is proud to congratulate Courtney Smith (CRRD, McGill University), who started her Master's degree last September under the co-supervision of Dr. Daniel Bernard (McGill University) and Dr. Puttaswamy Manjunath (Université de Montréal), for obtaining an RQR scholarship in the amount of \$10 000.

Training workshop

A training workshop in partnership with BIO RAD will take place at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in St-Hyacinthe, main building room 2135, on **December 8th 2017 from 10:30 am to 4 pm**. Lunch will be provided by the RQR.

[Click here](#) for additional details.

To register, send an email to RQR coordinator, Charlene Rico, charlene.rico@umontreal.ca.

The FRQNT international internship program - PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!!!

The FRQNT has opened a 2017-2018 competition that will allow the RQR to expand its international network: the international internship program (reserved for MSc and PhD students of the network).

Act quickly, there are still some places available!

For this contest, the stay must begin no later than **March 31, 2018**.

For all the details:

- International internship program: please visit the [student section](#) of the RQR website or the [FRQNT website](#).

For any questions about this program, do not hesitate to contact RQR coordinator, Charlene Rico by email: charlene.rico@umontreal.ca.

Upcoming events...

Frontiers in Reproduction

The prestigious FIR Course will take place from **April 28th to June 10th 2018** in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

The deadline for applications is **January 18th 2018**. Two RQR scholarships will be offered to participating RQR trainees (maximum \$2 000). Find all of the details regarding the course and registration by [clicking here](#).

Training workshop

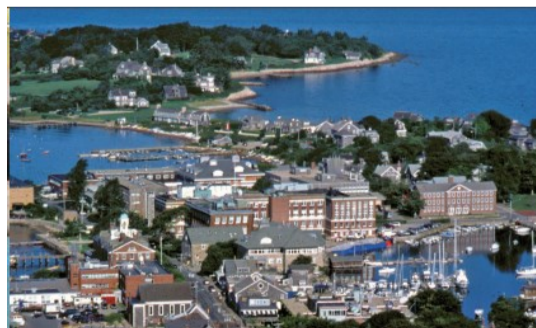
The RQR will organize a confocal microscopy training workshop at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) in early 2018. Registration information will be announced shortly.

24h de science et plus

24 hours of science, "the Quebec event of science and technology", will take place on **May 12th and 13th 2018**. This year's theme will be: **Movement**.

For more information, please visit [their website](#).

Members of the RQR who wish to organize an activity are invited to contact Charlene Rico, charlene.rico@umontreal.ca or by phone at 450-773-8521 ext. 8286.



RQR new member

It is with a great pleasure that the RQR welcomes one new collaborator, the **Dr. Réjean Lefebvre**, from the Université de Montréal.

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