



Review of the 11th RQR Symposium

The 11th edition of the RQR Symposium was held on **November 13th and 14th, 2018** at McGill's New Residence Hall in Montréal. The Pre-Symposium Workshop held on **November 12th** on "Reproduction in Exotic and Wildlife Species" drew forty participants, who attended 4 seminars by guest speakers Dr. Gabriela Mastromonaco of the Toronto Zoo, Dr. Janine Brown of the Smithsonian National Zoo, Dr. Christopher Tubbs of the San Diego Zoo and Dr. Glen Van Der Kraak from the University of Guelph.

To open the Symposium, RQR director Dr. Derek Boerboom presented in his introduction the achievements of the RQR in 2017/2018, as well as its objectives for 2019. At the Symposium, 2 awards were presented for knowledge translation, along with 3 prizes for best oral presentations and 3 prizes for best poster presentations. In addition to seminars by our four guest speakers, participants were able to attend 17 oral and 53 posters presentations by RQR trainees.



[Here are the students who stood out:](#)



Winners for best oral presentations

- 1st prize - \$ 500:** Gauthier Schang, McGill University
- 2nd prize - \$ 300:** Lia Mara Gomez Paim, Université de Montréal
- 3rd prize - \$ 100:** Ariane Lismer, McGill University



Winners for best poster presentations

- 1st prize - \$ 500:** Guillaume St-Jean, Université de Montréal
- 2nd prize - \$ 300:** Amélie Ménard, Université de Montréal
- 3rd prize - \$ 100:** Samir Mehanovic, Université Laval

As at all RQR Symposia, the knowledge translation efforts of two RQR members towards research end-users or the lay public were rewarded. Here are the recipients of the 2018 RQR KT Awards:



Researcher Award:
Dr. Cathy Vaillancourt
INRS-Institut Armand Frappier



Student Award:
Béline Crobeddu
(PhD student)
INRS-Institut Armand Frappier

The RQR would like to congratulate the winners and would also like to thank all Symposium participants.

Creation of a diversity committee

The RQR is looking for students and researchers to participate in this new committee.

The diversity committee will aim to:

- Create policies and activities to promote diversity, inclusion and tolerance in the RQR.
- Provide a resource where the concerns of underrepresented members of the RQR can be communicated and discussed.
- Strengthen the participation of women and minorities in the RQR and in the field of reproductive sciences.

We need you! If you are interested in joining this committee, contact [Charlène Rico](#).

GdR 3606 Repro Competition

As part of the partnership between the RQR and GDR 3606 Repro from France, 4 PhD students (1 per research Center) will have the opportunity to go to France to present their results and represent the RQR at ReproSciences 2019, which will take place in Toulouse on **April 24-25-26th 2019**. The selected students will be expected to present their results in French. Travel expenses (flight, accommodation) will be covered by the Centers and the RQR. **The deadline for sending in [your application](#) is January 31st, 2019.**

24 Hours of Science

24 Hours of Science is a great opportunity to share your research with the lay public.

2019 THEME: TOMORROW, THE EARTH The theme of this year focuses on the future and the environment. At this critical time in the face of climate change, we want to highlight the issues, initiatives at all scales, along with possible solutions. This theme also ties into many topics related to future discoveries and scientific and technological breakthroughs. The theme is never mandatory, but it is very broad this year.

Events aimed at the lay public must be submitted by **February 6th, 2019** to appear in the printed program of the event. Contact [Maude Lussier](#) to organize an activity. **Reminder:** The RQR can contribute up to **\$ 500** for knowledge translation activities. See [the details](#).

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10 ET 11 MAI 2019, 400 ACTIVITÉS SCIENCE ET TECHNO PARTOUT AU QUÉBEC !

Journalism contest- Plume de science

The '**Plume de science**' journalism contest is organized as part of the 24 Hours of Science event presented by **Science for All**. Participants are invited to write a short article on a scientific topic illustrated by an image. This contest is open to all. Articles must be submitted by **midnight May 20th, 2018**.

For more information, [click here](#).



FRQNT international internship program

Congratulations to **Josianne Bienvenu-Pariseault** (PhD candidate supervised by Dr. Cathy Vaillancourt) and to **Célia Brochen** (MSc candidate supervised by Drs. Pascal Vaudin and Delphine Pillon, from France) who have each obtained a **\$15,000** scholarship for their international internship.

New members

It is with great pleasure that the RQR welcomes 2 new regular members: **Dr. Vardit Ravitsky** (Axis 3) and **Dr. William Pastor** (Axis 3). We also welcome Dr. **Jean-François Schmouth** as a new collaborator.

Coming events

- **Frontiers in Reproduction:** The prestigious FIR course will take place from **April 27th to June 9th, 2019**. The deadline for application is **January 17th, 2019**. The RQR will offer **one** scholarship of up to **\$ 2,000** to an RQR student who will be selected to take the course. Find all the details of the course and the registration process by [clicking here](#).

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