



Canadian Society for Molecular Biosciences
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Message from CSMB Past President

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Dear CSMB Member,

As past president of the CSMB it is my pleasure to announce that Kristin Baetz (University of Ottawa) has taken over the presidency on July 1st and Phil Hieter (University of British Columbia) is now president-elect. Also, at the last Annual General Meeting we elected three new [members of the board](#), Justin Nodwell (University of Toronto), Tarik Möröy (IRCM and Université de Montréal) and Logan Donaldson (York University), who will certainly bring new ideas to shape the work of the society. I would like to thank retiring board members John Orłowski (McGill University) and David Williams (University of Toronto) for their long years of service to the society. They have been true pillars of the society over many years as presidents and as board members.

It is also our pleasure to announce our 2015 Society [Award Designates](#):

- ***GE Healthcare New Investigator Award*** was presented to **Vincent Archambault** (Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Medicine and IRIC, Université de Montréal) for his innovative work on dissecting the molecular mechanism controlling the cell cycle using *Drosophila* as a model.
- ***NRC Research Press Senior Investigator Award*** was presented to **Michael James** (Department of Biochemistry, University of Alberta) for his 47 year research career in protein structure biology of enzymes, in particular glycolytic hydrolyases implicated in genetic diseases.
- ***Robert H. Haynes Young Scientist Award in Genetics*** was presented to **Luigi Bouchard** (Department of Biochemistry, Université de Sherbrooke) for his ground breaking work on understanding how epigenetics contribute to the development of obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- ***Grant and Moens Award of Excellence in Genetics*** was presented to **Graham Scoles** (Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan) for his contribution in the field of crop cytogenetics and genetic engineering.

As board of the CSMB we are determined to continue our work for you in critical times for discovery research in Canada. Stay tuned for further action linked to the transition of the CIHR open funding schemes, you will hear from us soon. I wish you a good summer.

Best regards,
Christian Baron
CSMB, past president
Université de Montréal