THANK YOU PARTICIPANTS!!

A special thank you to all of our participants, sponsors, kiosk representatives, who attended and supported our Health Day – Open House and Symposium, “Aging in the 21st Century.”

HEALTH DAY – OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018
9:00-4:00 PM

On September 21, 2018, MCSA held its 3rd Open House event for Montreal community members. A total of 85 participants, staff members and speakers joined in this year’s event. This year, the event was held at both MCSA and CrossRoads Pavilions. Participants were invited to register and attend various health stations to evaluate: “Memory”, “Oral Health”, “Vital Signs”, and “Language Assessment.” They also attended all of the knowledge transfer (KT) lectures such as: “Genetics, Health & Me!”, “Arthritis & Nutrition”, “Women’s and Men’s Health”, “Managing Stress in Caregiving”, “Osteoporosis”, “Healthy Eyes”, “New Frontiers in Alzheimer’s Disease Research,” and “Love, Sexuality & Aging.”

Dr. Pedro Rosa-Neto, Director of MCSA, with participants on September 21, 2018.

Dr. Paolo Vitali, MD, PhD, FRCPC and Marianne Provencher, “Language Assessment”.

Crossroads Pavilion Staff

Speaker: Laura Robb, Genetic Counselor “Genetics, Health & Me!”

Speaker: Mélanie Le Berre, MSc, PT “Love, Sexuality & Aging.”

Speaker: Dr. Chris Serhan, Optometrist “Healthy Eyes.”

Speaker: Mina Mirtaheri, Dietetics Faculty of McGill University “Arthritis & Nutrition.”
Dr. Dolly Dastoor, Chair of the MCSA Education Committee had the pleasure of introducing our keynote speaker Mr. Patrick Murphy-Lavallée: currently the Director of the Support for Elderly Autonomy Program Seniors at the Montreal West Island IUHSSC, has for the past 25 years, strived to improve the quality of services and their integration, particularly for the most vulnerable clients of the health and social services network.

Four lectures were presented, which focused on positive aspects of aging and 11 kiosks displayed their services as well as provided valuable information and resources to all participants.

Dr. Serge Gauthier, C.M., C.Q., MD, FRCPC “Status of Research on Prevention and Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease.”

Dr. Nathalie Bier, Ph.D, OT “Home Care for Older People with Cognitive Impairment: What is the Potential of New Technologies.”

Dr. Patricia Belchior, Ph.D, OT (c) “Engaging your Brain: An Occupational – Based Approach for Healthy Aging.”

Dr. Marc Roig, Ph. D “Exercise and Memory: Timing Matters.”

Testimonials from participants included a deep appreciation for speaker presentations, informative kiosks and organization of the Symposium. Camille N. Isaacs-Morell, BA, MBA, Executive Director, Alzheimer Society Montreal, quoted: “There was an impressive level of expertise at the Symposium, from the speakers and in the kiosks, which greatly benefited all participants.”

Meghan Williams, MSW, Director of Support Services, Alzheimer Groupe Inc. (AGI), quoted: “MCSA Team paid attention to every detail and everyone was in a wonderful welcoming mood and I was pleased to see so many new faces and very impressed on how many participants stayed until the very end.”

Dr. William E. Klunk, MD, PhD is Director of the Laboratory of Molecular Neuropharmacology and Co-Director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center at Pittsburgh University. Professor Klunk is one of the world’s leading experts in the early detection of Alzheimer’s Disease and is a pioneer in the field of in vivo amyloid imaging in humans.

In 2001, in collaboration with Dr. Chet Mathis, Dr. Klunk created a molecule that could be used to image Alzheimer’s Disease pathology by tagging amyloid (PiB); it was one of few eureka moments so far in Alzheimer’s Disease research. With PiB, Dr. Klunk changed the history of the neuroimaging in Alzheimer’s Disease, allowing for the first time a non-invasive quantification of brain pathology in vivo, which was considerate as a single most important advance in the history of imaging in neurodegenerative conditions. (Adapted from: William Klunk: imaging Alzheimer’s disease in vivo; The Lancet of neurology 2015). Now, in the 15th
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Associazione Spignese di Montreal
2nd Annual Alzheimer Fundraiser
Event – Oct. 20, 2018
RAISED $11,725.00

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Associazione Spignese di Montreal, held their 2nd Annual Alzheimer’s Fundraiser on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Ritz Reception Hall, Montreal, donating all profits to the McGill University Research Centre for Studies in Aging. Over 230 guests attended the fundraiser. Dr. Pedro Rosa-Neto, MD, PhD, Director of MCSA and Dr. Paolo Vitali, MD, Ph.D, FRCPc were the guest speakers at the gala evening. On behalf of MCSA, we would like to thank the Committee Members and the President of the Association Spignese di Montreal for organizing this event. We are humbled by the generosity of the Association and we would like to extend our deepest gratitude.

CONFERENCES & COURSES

Dr. Muhammad Naveed Iqbal Qureshi, PhD, who recently joined MCSA on June 20, 2018 as a postdoctoral research fellow attended the “Sixth Biennial Conference on Resting State and Brain Connectivity”, from September 24 to 29, 2018. The Conference took place in Montreal and was hosted by the Centre Mont Royal Conference and Special Events Centre.

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October 26, 2018

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We appreciate your continued support to our Centre! To achieve all of our objectives and to continue to play an important role in aging research in Quebec and Canada, we always need your help. In order to (1) advance in our mission and mandate towards prevention, (2) our major focus of aging research, and (3) our commitment in investigating causes and new treatments of the dementias, we count on your continued support. We thank all of our Donors for their encouragement and confidence in our work which contributes to the preservation of the highest levels of research, education, and teaching in the field of aging. We are happy to accept donations that will support our research efforts.

We will issue a receipt for tax purposes for all donations above $15.00. In addition, every donor whose gifts exceed $500 will be honored by receiving a permanent inscription on our Donor Wall. If you would like to make a donation by mail, phone or email, please contact Alexandra Triantafilopoulos at 514-761-6131 X 6311 or By Email: alexandra.triantafilopoulos1@mcgill.ca or silvana.aguzzi@mcgill.ca.

As the holidays approach, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our Donors and are grateful for your continuous support and interest in the Centre’ research and knowledge outreach programs. Thanks to Donor’s like you we can continue our mission in investigating causes and treatments of the dementias, especially Alzheimer Disease. Your support is extremely important to us and we encourage you to spread the word on social media in helping with our cause.

Dr. Pedro Rosa-Neto, Director of the McGill University Research Centre for Studies in Aging, utilizes the best clinical practices and cutting-edge technologies for diagnosis of medical conditions associated with memory problems. The Memory Clinic is actively involved in cognitive research and is recognized internationally as a Clinical Trial Site. Clinical trials (Phase II-IV) that test the efficacy and safety of experimental drugs for AD and other cognitive disorders are ongoing. The MCSA is in the process of recruiting for 3 different clinical trials on Alzheimer’s Disease. Our team will answer all questions in regards to clinical trials and if you are interested in obtaining more information and/or participating in one of our clinical trials please do not hesitate to contact Tamar Tatigian at 514-761-6131 x6314 or email: info.mcsa@mcgill.ca.

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