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Fall is near and good things are happening!

It has been a busy month since our first newsletter.

Our Research Management Committee (RMC) met in early September to review letters of intent (LOIs) and full applications. Their recommendations for project funding will go to the Board for approval in early October and we will share those results with the community as soon as we can.

We are deep into planning for the second meeting of our Cancer Stakeholder Alliance taking place mid-October. We also finalized [the project dashboards](#) for the Clinical, Social and Economic Impact (CSEI) research program, giving our website a well-rounded, robust view of our project portfolio.

And, with the arrival of September, came the arrival of new faces to help us build our connections within the community. The team welcomes Deven Sandhu as Managing Director of the OVMF, Renée Leduc as Manager of Knowledge Mobilization and Nadine Vautour as Associate. We also bid farewell to Linda

We continue to encourage researchers who are developing applications to make use of the [BioCanRx Core Facilities](#) within their project proposals. These facilities provide top-quality, leading-edge tools and technologies needed to move therapeutics to the clinic. To learn a bit more about the offerings of our cores, visit [our website](#). Also, see below for a brief profile on one of our virus manufacturing facilities.

The BioCanRx team continues to work hard to support the needs of the biotherapeutic community and promote the innovative work happening in our network. We are inspired by your work and proud to support your efforts.

If you have any suggestions for us, or stories for the newsletter, please do take the time to [reach out!](#)

Featured this month:

- [Funding Opportunities](#)
- Training: [Programs and opportunities](#)

Nong, our Associate, who has accepted a new position with Rogers. The entire team wishes Linda all the best in her new role.

With a successful year under our belt, it is time to look forward and position BioCanRx for an exciting and productive future. We are consulting with our RMC and Board of Directors about opportunities for the network and will communicate the outcomes of those deliberations through this newsletter as soon as we are able.

- Project Profile: [Adding muscle to the immune system to fight ovarian cancer](#)
- HQP Profile: [Manufacturing cancer-fighting viruses in Canada](#)

FUNDING ALERT

Rolling, open call accepting LOIs

Apply to our research programs:
Clinical Trials • Enabling Studies • Catalyst • Clinical, Social and Economic Impact

Deadline: November 9, 2016

Learn more at www.biocanrx.com



Other funding opportunities currently available:

[Cancer Research Society: 2017 Operating Grants Competition](#)
Deadline: November 7, 2016

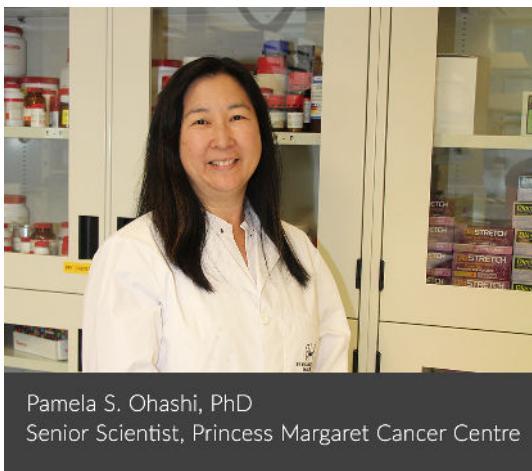
| PROJECT PROFILE |

Adding muscle to the immune system to fight ovarian cancer

By Heather Blumenthal

Think of them as the 98-pound weaklings on the beach of the immune system - not terribly powerful on their own, but rev up tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) with other immune cells, and no one's going to kick sand in their faces!

That's the theory, anyhow. But now, a BioCanRx-funded research project is trying to show it can work and, in the process, provide new hope for women suffering from ovarian cancer, the most lethal



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gynecological cancer.

[Read more...](#)

| TRAINING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES |

Career Opportunities

Visit [our jobs board](#) for a list of career opportunities from our network, core facilities and partners in the cancer biotherapeutics sector. There are currently job postings from Caprion, CDRD, Northern Biologics and Zymeworks.

HQP Travel Awards and Lab Exchange Programs

BioCanRx HQP Travel Awards and Lab Exchanges enable HQP to access and attend external learning opportunities not offered by the network. These funding opportunities go toward reimbursing network HQP for expenses related to travel, accommodation and meals associated with the event.

Please see the [criteria on our website](#) to determine the appropriate opportunity for you!

You can find more information about training, education and career opportunities at the [BioCanRx Training website](#).

| HQP PROFILE |

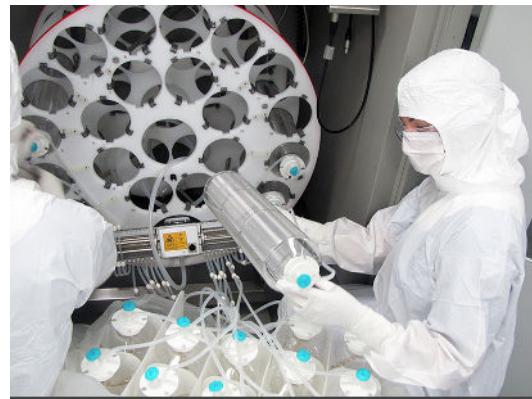
Manufacturing cancer-fighting viruses in Canada

By Jovian Tsang

The multi-door, air-locked entrances, background hum of machinery and frequent sightings of personnel in full-body biosafety suits could easily lead one to believe that world-ending biohazardous materials were stored in the halls of The Ottawa Hospital.

In actuality, this facility is where human-grade oncolytic viruses, or OVs, are being manufactured — one of only a few facilities worldwide with the ability to produce these specialized viruses for clinical trials.

[Read more...](#)



OVMF staff prep the bioreactor to manufacture one of the high-grade, cancer-killing viruses that are produced at the facility for use in clinical trials in Canada and around the world.

Summit for Cancer Immunotherapy

SAVE THE DATE

June 25-28, 2017 • Hilton Lac Leamy • National Capital Region (Gatineau, QC)

www.cancersummit.ca



| MEETINGS AND EVENTS |

[International Conference on Replicating Oncolytic Virus Therapeutics](#)
Vancouver, BC | October 1 - 5, 2016

[Cancer Research Institute's Immunotherapy Patient Summit](#)
New York, NY | September 24, 2016

| NETWORK PUBLICATIONS |

Network members: Feature your research here by [sending us](#) a link to your recent publication!

[Tumor-secreted products repress B-cell lymphopoiesis in a murine model of breast cancer.](#)
Moreau JM, Mielnik M, Berger A, Furlonger C, Paige CJ.
Eur J Immunol. 2016 Sep 12.

[Development of Novel Immunotherapies for Multiple Myeloma.](#)
Al-Hujaily EM, Oldham RA, Hari P, Medin JA.
Int J Mol Sci. 2016 Sep 8

[Single-particle characterization of oncolytic vaccinia virus by flow virometry.](#)
Tang VA, Renner TM, Varette O, Le Boeuf F, Wang J, Diallo JS, Bell JC, Langlois MA.

Vaccine. 2016 Sep 7

[RAIDD Mediates TLR3 and IRF7 Driven Type I Interferon Production.](#)

Maney SK, Xu HC, Huang J, Pandya AA, Ehling C, Aguilar-Valenzuela R, Pozdeev VI, McIlwain DR, Zimmermann A, Bode JG, Hengel H, Kirschning CJ, Kim IR, Hiscott J, Brenner D, Häussinger D, Ohashi PS, Mak TW, Lang KS, Lang PA.

Cell Physiol Biochem. 2016 Sep 8

[Neoadjuvant chemotherapy of ovarian cancer results in three patterns of tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte response with distinct implications for immunotherapy.](#)

Lo CS, Sanii S, Kroeger DR, Milne K, Talhouk A, Chiu DS, Rahimi K, Shaw PA, Clarke BA, Nelson BH.

Clin Cancer Res. 2016 Sep 6

[Combining oncolytic viruses as a successful strategy for breast cancer treatment](#)

Bourgeois-Daigneault MC, St-Germain LE, Roy DG, Pelin A, Aitken AS, Arulanandam R, Falls T, Garcia V, Diallo JS, Bell JC

Breast Cancer Res. 2016 Aug 8

| IN THE NEWS |

[Top scientists lay out sweeping recommendations for "moonshot" against cancer](#)

StatNews | September 7, 2016

[FDA to review Merck's Keytruda, or pembrolizumab, as first-line treatment for lung cancer](#)

The Wall Street Journal | September 7, 2016

[Dying of cancer - a caregiver's story](#)

The Washington Post | August 30, 2016

[Experimental cancer therapy holds great promise - but at great cost](#)

StatNews | August 23, 2016

[Perennial dealmaker Zymeworks licenses new drug discovery platform](#)

FierceBiotech | August 12, 2016

[Old cancer treatments make cutting-edge ones more effective](#)

StatNews | August 4, 2016

[Accelerated examination for patient applications pertaining to cancer immunotherapy](#)

PCT Newsletter | August 2016

[New portal to keep public informed of advances in increasingly complex cancer environment](#)

Canadian Cancer Society | May 2016



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