

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences
24th ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY
Wednesday, May 23rd 2012 - Hamilton Convention Centre

Theme: "Psychiatry at Mac: A Pathway to Innovative Research on Mind, Body and Environment"

Hosts: Dr. Claudio Soares, Professor and Associate Chair, Research
Dr. Margaret McKinnon, Clinician Scientist, Mood Disorders Program

PROGRAM

- 8:30 – 8:50 **Opening Remarks:** Dr. Nick Kates
Welcome from the hosts, agenda overview: Drs. Soares and McKinnon
- 8:50 – 9:40 **Keynote Address:**

"Depression Biomarker Network Initiative – Where we are, where we aim to be."
Dr. Sidney Kennedy
(Professor and Psychiatrist-in-Chief, UHN, University of Toronto)
- 9:40 – 10:00 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:00 – 11:30 **Symposium 1 – "Mind, Body and Environment: The MAVAN Cohort"**
Speakers:
Dr. Meir Steiner (McMaster University, Chairperson)
Dr. Marla B. Sokolowski (Canada Research Chair in Genetics and Behavioural
Neurology, Univ. of Toronto)
Dr. Alison Shea (University of Toronto)
Miki Peer (McMaster University)
- 11:30 – 1:00 **Poster Session and Luncheon**
(Lunch served at 12:00 pm)
- 1:00 - 2:00 **Colloquium – "How and Why I Got Involved in Research?"**
Brief testimonies from researchers at different career stages,
students, managers and patient advocacy representatives
- 2:00 – 2:15 **Refreshment Break**
- 2:15 – 3:45 **Symposium 2 – "Sex Hormones and the Environment on the Brain"**

Speakers:
Dr. Claudio Soares (McMaster University, Chairperson)
Dr. Adrianna Mendrek (Centre de recherche Fernand-Seguin Hôpital Louis-H.
Lafontaine, Montreal)
Dr. Simone Vigod (Women's College Hospital, Toronto)
Dr. Sandra Witelson (McMaster University, Hamilton)
- 3:45 - 4:00 **Award Presentations:** Dr. Karen Saperson
4:00 **Closing Comments:** Drs. Soares and McKinnon