

# Inauguration Day of the McGill Research Centre for Cannabis

**When:** October 17, 2019

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Where:** Atrium and Cruess Amphitheatre (ES1.1129)

**8:00**    **Registration**  
**Networking Breakfast**

**9:00**    **Opening Remarks and Inauguration**

**9:30**    **Scientific Session 1**  
**Facilitator: Dr. Mark Lefsrud**  
Department of Bioresource Engineering, FAES, McGill University

Historical context of cannabis use

Dr. Rachael Backer

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (FAES), McGill University

Prevailing social stigma of cannabis

Dr. Kenneth Lester

Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University

Pesticides in cannabis

Dr. Stephane Bayen

Department of Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry, FAES, McGill University

**10:30**    **Break**

**10:50**    **Scientific Session 2**

Brain regional glutamate (mGlu5) receptor alterations in youth at risk for addictions: effects of vulnerability traits and cannabis use

Dr. Marco Leyton

Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Mycotoxins – The Silent Elephant in Cannabis Products

Dr. Suha Jabaji

Department of Plant Science, FAES, McGill University

**11:30**    **Networking Lunch**  
**Cannabis Exhibit and Tour of Facility**

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**1:00 Scientific Session 3**

**Facilitator: Dr. Nadeem Siddiqui**

Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Factors affecting cannabis growth and its cannabinoid profile

Dr. Donald Smith

James McGill Professor, Department of Plant Science, FAES, McGill University

Studying the pharmacology of cannabinoids

Dr. Stephane Laporte

Professor, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Immunological mechanisms of endo- and phyto-cannabinoid action during disease

Dr. Jorge Fritz

Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Patient-driven research: cannabis, inflammation and HIV

Dr. Cecilia Costiniuk

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

**2:20 Break**

**2:40: Videoconference: Influencing the law then and now**

Anthony Morgan, LLB

McGill BCL/LLB 2012 Faculty of Law, McGill University

**3:00 Panel Discussion with Industry Partners**

Moderator: Dr. Mark Ware (Canopy)

**4:00 Closing Cocktail**

**Registration:**

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