

Report from the Chair, MAUT-Retirees' Section
Submitted to April 21, 2016 Spring General Meeting

The Retirees' Section was involved in the normal kind of activities during the 2015-2016 year. There was a get together with lunch at the Faculty Club in October where our guest speaker was Josip Novakovich, Professor of Creative Writing at Concordia University and a finalist for the Man Booker International Prize in 2013.

This and other events we carried out in collaboration with the newly created MURA as to the organization and a mutually acceptable financial arrangement. This enabled us to have another lunch time get together at the Faculty Club on December 2 where we had Professor Nathalie Cook, Faculty of Arts, (English) talk about *Canadian Christmas Foods Past, Present and Future*. We had a concert arranged in March which was also well attended. The June get together at the Mac Campus was well attended. The speaker was Professor Timothy G. Geary, Director, Institute of Parasitology, who spoke on *Decoding the molecular language of the host-parasite interface*.

The Retirement Affairs Committee for the year 2015-16 consisted of Nick Acheson, Darlene Canning, James Colton, Estelle Hopmeyer, Ante Padjen and myself, as Chair.

Respectfully submitted

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