Cannabis in Canada: What Do We Know? What Can We Expect?

November 30th — 12:00 to 17:30 — Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish Street

The Canadian legalization of cannabis for recreational purposes is expected soon. This new status will have both positive and negative effects on society, health, and medical practice. The 2017 McGill Department of Psychiatry Day will address these issues, focusing on anticipated legal, medicinal, neurodevelopmental, and neuropsychiatric consequences, both good and bad.

12:00 Registration and Lunch
13:00 Welcome
13:05 Cannabis legalization: social implications
   Benedikt Fischer, PhD (CAMH, University of Toronto)
14:00 Traditional marijuana, high potency cannabis, and synthetic cannabinoids: increasing risk for psychosis
   Robin Murray, MD, FRS (King's College London, UK)
15:00 Coffee break
15:15 Effects on the developing brain: positive and negative?
   Matthew Hill, PhD (University of Calgary)
16:15 Do Cannabinoids have Treatment Potential for Mental Health Problems?
   Mood & anxiety disorders
   Gabriella Gobbi, MD, PhD (McGill University)
   Substance use disorders
   Marco Leyton, PhD (McGill University)
   Clinical use of cannabis: lessons learned from neuropathic pain
   Mark Ware, MD (McGill University)
17:15 Closing remarks