

WMIC 2019

It was an immensely successful time for BIRC researchers and students at the World Molecular Imaging Congress (WMIC) in Montreal, Sept 3-7, 2019. BIRC was well represented by 8 faculty and 16 students/research associates/lab managers.

A major highlight of the conference was the launch of WMISCan, a new Canadian chapter of WMIC. John Ronald and Paula Foster (Robarts Imaging, Medical Biophysics), along with Naomi Matsuura (Toronto) and Adam Schuhendler (Ottawa) organized an exciting program of a pre-symposium featuring talks from Canadian molecular imaging researchers and trainees (followed by a poutine bar and pub night!), a breakfast and a Spotlight session that highlighted preclinical and clinical molecular imaging across the country. Congratulations, John and Paula! **BIRC is a proud sponsor of WMISCan.**

Our trainees were outstanding. Of note, **Dr. Katie Parkins** (Robarts Imaging, Medical Biophysics) was a finalist for the Young Investigator Award competition; **Rebecca Sullivan** (Lawson Imaging, Pathology) received a WIMIN (Women in Molecular Imaging Network) Scholar Award; and the **Cellular and Molecular Imaging Group (CMIG) at Robarts** won the This Is Our Lab competition!

