



**The iBioBuzz Gazette**  
iBioMed Society

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# We Made It!

November 2018 Newsletter

It's the end of November! As we approach the end of the semester, we wish to thank you all for a great start to the 2018-2019 academic year. There is plenty more to be excited about as we transition into the holidays and the beginning of 2019. The iBioMed Society wishes all of you the best of luck on exams and a very happy winter holiday. We can't wait to see you all in the New Year!

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# Top Stories

## Strike! The FIRST Ever iBioMed & BHSc Joint Event!

On Friday, November 23rd, the iBioMed Society held its first ever interfaculty event with the Bachelor of Health Sciences Society. The joint bowling event was held at Splitsville.

Throughout the evening, first and second-year IBEHS and BHSc students had the opportunity to meet and have a great time! There was a great turnout from HTHSCI 2E03 groups; many of which had finished their final presentation that same day.

We look forward to working with the BHSS in the future!

For more pictures from the event, follow this [link](#)!



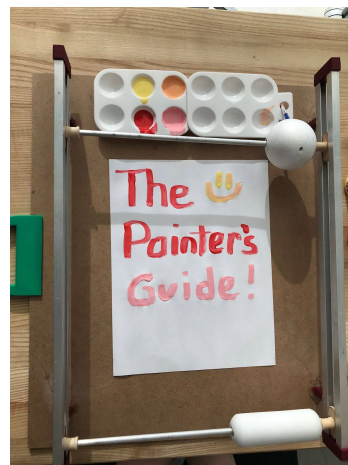
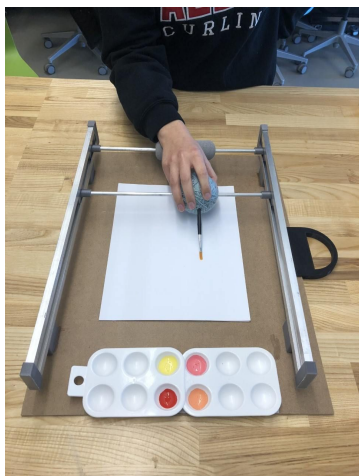


# iBioMed Students Win National Design Award for Accessibility!



This academic year, three iBioMed students will be taking their first-year IBEHS 1P10 project to patent after winning the Universities Canada's Innovation Design for Accessibility (IDeA) student competition. The iDeA competition aims to inspire students across Canada in all programs to use their creativity to develop innovative, cost-effective and practical solutions to accessibility barriers for people with disabilities. Among 51 other design submissions, Lianna Genovese, Laura Carter and Alex Yeh took the top prize of \$2000 for their project, The Painter's Guide. The Painter's Guide is an assistive tool designed to make painting easier for individuals living with dystonia, a neurological disorder causing involuntary muscle contractions. Genovese, Carter and Yeh were inspired by Elissa James, a second-year political science student with dystonia. "Our main concern was to make her condition liveable and to help her do what she loves. We just wanted to make everything easier for her," explains Genovese.

As part of the award, Genovese, Carter and Yeh were granted the opportunity to present their project at the Canadian Innovation Exchange Conference on October 22. Way to make iBioMed proud! Want to learn more about The Painter's Guide? Learn more [here](#)!



# Important Announcements

## **iBioMed SWAG!**

We know you've all been waiting... and the time is coming soon! Our VP Marketing has been working hard (mention Kevin?) to come up with a great design for iBioMed apparel. Keep your eyes and ears open for the release of the final design so that orders can be made as soon as possible. We can't wait to show you what's in store.

## **The iBMS has new associate members!**

We would like to thank everyone who has put their time and effort into applying to the numerous associate positions within the iBioMed Society. We've received countless applications and have learned so much about our very skilled and accomplished friends within iBioMed, making all the decisions very hard. The selected positions include:

- Associate marketing team
- Event organizer team
- First Year representatives

We have filled all the spots we have been looking for, and emails will be sent by the end of this week to those who have and haven't been selected. If you haven't received anything yet make sure you keep your eyes on that inbox!

## **The iBMS Website is Now Live!**

Many thanks to Akil Hamilton, our VP Finance, along with Adam Yu, our very own first-year iBioMed talent, for launching our newly designed website!

Want to learn more about mentorship, upcoming events or how to get involved? Stay updated and be sure to check out the latest news on our site!

<http://www.ibiomedociety.ca/>

## Interested in Conferences or Competitions?

### Innovation Nation Student Showcase



#### About

Have an innovative project? The Innovation Nation Student showcase is the perfect stage to show it off! Organized by the Centre for Minimal Access Surgery, this conference hosts industry professionals, researchers, and investors with a particular focus on biomedical engineering and health sciences.

You can also attend presentations regarding the latest research done in medicine and engineering - NASA and IBM made appearances last year!

#### Details

Registration for the student showcase:

[innovation-nation.ca/student-innovation-showcase](http://innovation-nation.ca/student-innovation-showcase)

Registration Deadline: December 7

Link:

[innovation-nation.ca/venue-accommodations](http://innovation-nation.ca/venue-accommodations)

### Professional Development Conference



The Professional Development Conference is an event held annually at McMaster, run through the MES. The conference brings together McMaster's most dedicated and involved students to help them grow and develop skills outside the classroom in order to achieve success. This academic year the conference is to be held on **February 9th**. We are excited to announce that the conference will be hosting Tibor Turi, the Vice Chair of OSPE, among many other outstanding industry professionals. Additionally, the conference will present exciting workshops and panels to provide a hands on learning experience to prep you for your future ahead!

## Upcoming Events:



### Jan 16 | Health and Tech Industry Night

Thinking about summer co-op? Well, this event is for you! In partnership with McMaster ECCS and BEAMS, we will be hosting an industry night where you can get first-hand exposure to a variety of top biomedical companies that are looking to hire you! Come ready with your resumes and be prepared to sell yourself! See you all on January 16th, 2019. Details to come!

### Jan 23 | Backpack to Briefcase: Alumni & Student Networking Event

McMaster Engineering is hosting an alumni/student mentorship evening, where distinguished alumni reconnect with McMaster, providing engineering students with the opportunity to network and connect with mentors.



The alumni mentors work in a variety of engineering fields, representing diverse backgrounds and bring valuable insights from their days at McMaster and beyond. Alumni will share their experiences in academics, study skills, day-to-day issues, career planning, networking and professional development.

More information can be found [here](#).

### January | iBioMed Skating Event

What better way to kick off the next semester than with a skating night out and a hot cup of hot chocolate! Join us in January for this awesome event. You won't want to miss out. Details to come!



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