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The Montreal CSPS & CRS Chapters invite you to their
Fall 2011 scientific evening seminar & networker

Presentations:

1. What do Hollywood, Apple and drug companies have in common? Is Big Pharma too big to succeed?

By Professor Denis deBlois: Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Université de Montréal.

Discussion will revolve on how the systematic search for safe and effective drugs has become so expensive and risky that traditional models of drug development are being challenged by all stakeholders. New partnerships of knowledge creation are needed to face the major unmet medical needs of the 21st century.

2. Making Sense out of Antisense and siRNAs.

By Professor Masad José Damha: Professor of Chemistry at McGill University.

The presentation will provide an overview of recent work concerning the properties of oligonucleotides carrying 2'-fluoro sugar modifications, the optimization of siRNA duplex stability, reduced immunostimulation, and increased nuclease resistance without impairment of gene silencing activity. Applications towards novel endogenous targets, focusing on ongoing anticancer applications. Highlights on new delivery strategies for these compounds, with and without vehicles facilitating their cell uptake.

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011
6:00 – 9:00 PM (1st talk: 6:30 PM)
Hôtel St. Paul, Vauvert Restaurant
355 McGill, Old-Montreal**

Light refreshments and tapas will be served.

Free Registration at:

<http://www.cspscanada.org/irmevents.aspx?id=31>

(Unregistered guests after Nov 7: \$10 at the door)

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