Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence Mini-Symposium
Speaker Line-up and Bios
Friday, September 8, 2017
9:30AM – 3:30AM
Location TBA

Dr. Sean Brosnan - History of the Department of Biochemistry

Dr. Janitha Wanasundara - We are delighted to be able to confirm Dr. Janitha Wanasundara as our final speaker rounding out the programme. Dr. Wanasundara is a graduate of our Food Science programme and currently a Senior Research Scientist at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, based at the Saskatchewan Research and Development Centre. She also holds an adjunct faculty appointment in the Department of Food and Bioproduct Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan. More information about Dr. Wanasundara can be found at the following link: http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/science-and-innovation/research-centres/saskatchewan/saskatoon-research-and-development-centre/scientific-staff-and-expertise/wanasundara-janitha-phd/?id=1181925074372

Dr. Ann Colbourne - We are delighted to confirm our 3rd speaker for the reunion "Celebrating 50 years of excellence" symposium as Dr. Ann Colbourne. Dr. Colbourne was a Rhodes Scholar during her time in the department, subsequently obtaining a medical degree. After several years in the Health Sciences complex at MUN, Dr. Colbourne has most latterly been based at the University of Alberta. A brief bio of Dr. Colbourne is available here: http://rhodesproject.com/ann-colbourne-profile/

Dr. Rene Jacobs - Dr. Rene Jacobs is the 2017 Canadian Nutrition Society Outstanding Young Researcher award recipient, Dr. Rene Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs graduated from our department with a B.Sc.(hons) in 1996 and a Ph.D in 2002, and is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Alberta. More about Dr. Jacobs is available here: http://www.adi.ualberta.ca/en/ResearchMembers/ADIResearchersinLiKaShing/ReneJacobs.aspx
**Dr. Jesus Perez-Gil** - Dr. Jesus Perez-Gil, Professor and Chair of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, will be making the trip from Madrid, Spain to join us. Dr. Perez-Gil is a former member of Dr. Kevin Keough's research group at MUN. For those proficient in Spanish (or more adept at getting web pages to translate than we are) more information about Dr. Perez-Gil is available here: [http://www.bbm1.ucm.es/biomil/](http://www.bbm1.ucm.es/biomil/)

**L.M. Stead Oral Competition Graduate Award Winners** - Shreyasi Sarkar and Olatunji (Anthony) Akerele