The February edition of the MRC newsletter will focus on the MRC Annual Symposium. This month’s newsletter will be published in two parts; 1. before the Symposium to introduce the featured speaker, and 2. a “recap” after the Symposium. The abstracts are currently under review, and the oral presenters will be selected by the end of this week. Reminder: ALL abstracts will be selected for a poster presentation!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the MRC Symposium on February 24, 2016, 1-5pm at the Eric P. Newman Educational Center.

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**Dr. Lionel Ivashkiv (speaking at 4:30 pm)**

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Professor, Medicine and Immunology, Weill Cornell Medical College
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“Epigenetics and Osteoclast Differentiation”

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