A NEW CO-DIRECTOR

Over the past few months, Jean-Yves has visited the majority of RRCancer-affiliated research centers and held discussions with regular RRCancer members. During his visits, he kept in mind that the addition of a co-director with expertise in translational research and who is well-versed in the world of clinical research would be an asset to RRCancer. As a result, the appointment of Dr. Sonia del Rincon was announced at the RRCancer Annual General Meeting in Halifax. Her mandate begins immediately!

To learn more about Sonia del Rincon
Dr. del Rincon received her PhD from McGill University and then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute (California). Since 2018, she is an Investigator in the Cancer Axis at the Lady Davis Institute-Segal Cancer Centre, and in 2022 was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Oncology, McGill University.

Her team seeks to understand the role of specific signal transduction pathways in metastatic disease, with an emphasis on MNK1/2 signaling in breast cancer and melanoma. As a translational cancer researcher, she serves on the Scientific Advisory team of the Montreal Immune Related Adverse Events Group (MIRAE), which seeks to provide optimal care for patients treated with immunotherapy. Her lab is an essential partner in the MIRAE group, helping to bank longitudinal blood samples from patients who are treated with immune checkpoint blockade therapies and who may experience an immune-mediated adverse event, including myocarditis, hepatitis, colitis and others. Her team is using single cell imaging technologies (e.g. PhenoCycler system) to characterize the tumor immune microenvironment in response to therapy, including immunotherapies.

Her team is funded by grants from CIHR, CCS Emerging Scholar award, CRS and LLSC. In addition to her research activities, she volunteers for the Melanoma Network of Canada, serving on their Medical Advisory Team.

Congratulations!
Sonia, we welcome you to the RRCancer management team. We’re convinced that the network will grow and become stronger thanks to the expertise and energy you’ll bring to it.

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