INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN IMMUNOLOGY AND CANCER

Université de Montréal

MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

Michel Bouvier Receives the Prestigious Michel-Sarrazin Award

His contributions to biomedical research are honored by the
Club de Recherches Cliniques du Québec

Montreal, August 27, 2010 - Michel Bouvier, Principal Investigator at the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer (IRIC) and Professor in the Department of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Medicine of Université de Montréal, has been awarded the 2010 Michel-Sarrazin prize by the Club de Recherches Cliniques du Québec. Each year, the prize recognizes a Quebec scientist's contribution to the advancement of biomedical research.

World renowned molecular pharmacologist, passionate researcher with ground breaking discoveries in the field of cell signalling, committed mentor and leader in the creation of research infrastructures serving the community, Michel Bouvier has played a key role for over 25 years in the fields of biopharmaceutical research and drug discovery. He leads the Molecular Pharmacology Laboratory at IRIC which studies the molecular mechanisms of a family of proteins, G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs), responsible for controlling biological processes as diverse as neurotransmission, metabolism, immune responses and inflammation, olfaction and vision. His studies aim to improve the effectiveness of existing drugs and to develop new drugs targeting these receptors.

In addition to his research and teaching commitments, Michel Bouvier is the founding Director of the *Groupe de recherche universitaire sur le médicament* (GRUM), a group of more than 40 research units working toward the development and support of research and training for the discovery, development and evaluation of medication. Michel Bouvier has also contributed to the establishment of a drug discovery unit at IRIC-Université de Montréal. This integrated drug research chain aims to accelerate the translation of basic innovative discoveries into new therapeutics.

About the Michel-Sarrazin Award

Each year, the Club de Recherches Cliniques du Québec awards the Michel-Sarrazin prize to honor a Quebec scientist for his or her contribution to the advancement of biomedical research. Michel Sarrazin (1659-1734) was deemed the first Canadian scientist. He arrived in Quebec in 1685 as a surgeon responsible for treating soldiers having survived the trans-Atlantic voyage. For more information, please visit crcq.crc.chus.qc.ca.

About IRIC | Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer

Founded in 2002, IRIC brings together a team of internationally recognized investigators whose mission is to unravel the mysteries of cancer and to provide unparalleled training to the next generation of health research scientists. IRIC engages in bold initiatives with elite partners across North America and abroad that span from basic science and translational research to clinical applications, with the ultimate goal of providing lifelong cures to cancer. For more information about IRIC, please visit www.iric.ca.

−30 −

Media contact:

Carolyne Lord
Media Relations Officer
Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer, Université de Montréal
Telephone: 514-343-7282
Email: carolyne.lord@umontreal.ca