



École  
D'ÉTÉ  
2026  
SUMMER  
school

RESTAURATION  
DE LA VISION  
VISION RESTORATION

## MONDAY JULY 13, 2026

3h45 – 4h PM

**BOARDING**

**Berri-UQAM Metro Station, corner Berri & de Maisonneuve, Montreal, QC**

Shuttle Montréal - St-Paulin - Symphony Bus International

IRCM Group– Summer School

4h PM

**DEPARTURE from MONTREAL**

*(travel time : ~2 hours)*

~ 5h and 6h30 PM

**ARRIVAL and  
CHECK IN**

*Auberge de la rivière*

**Le Baluchon Eco-Resort**

3550, Chemin des Trembles, St-Paulin, QC, J0K 3G0

6h30 – 7h30 PM

**RECEPTION**

*ÉCO-CAFÉ Terrace*

**Welcoming remarks**

**Adriana Di Polo**, PhD, University of Montreal, QC, Canada

**Stuart Trenholm**, PhD, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

7h30 PM

**WELCOME DINNER**

*ÉCO-CAFÉ*

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# TUESDAY JULY 14, 2026

7h – 8h25 AM

**BREAKFAST**

ÉCO-CAFÉ

8h25 – 8h30 AM

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Adriana Di Polo**, PhD, University of Montreal, QC, Canada

**Stuart Trenholm**, PhD, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

## THEME 1: Eye and retina, vision loss and restoration

Moderator: To come

8h30 AM – 12h25 PM **TALKS**

8h30 AM **THE PATHWAY FROM EMERGING TECHNOLOGY TO CLINICAL APPLICATION: CORNEA REGENERATION**

**May Griffith**, PhD, University of Montreal, QC, Canada

9h15 AM **RESTORING SIGHT WITH PHOTORECEPTOR CELL REPLACEMENT THERAPY**

**Rachael Pearson**, PhD, FRSB, King's College London, Londres, England

10h AM

**BREAK**

10h10 AM **BEYOND PHOTONS: MULTISENSORY INTEGRATION IN THE VERTEBRATE EYE**

**David Krizaj**, PhD, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, USA

10h55 AM *To come*

**Adriana Di Polo**, PhD, Université de Montréal (CRCHUM), QC, Canada

11h40 AM *To come*

**Jeremy Sivak**, PhD, University of Toronto, ON, Canada

12h25 – 1h40 PM

**LUNCH**

ÉCO-CAFÉ

1h40 – 2h40 PM

**PATIENT PARTNERS**



**FIGHTING  
BLINDNESS  
CANADA**

*Moderator: Stuart Trenholm, PhD*

**Ushany Kanagendiran and Morgan Ineson**

Seniors Coordinators, FBC, ON, Canada

**Ben Akuoko**, Next Generation Specialist of Advocacy Education (CNIB)

**Stuart Matan-Lithwick**, Research Scientist & High School Teacher



2h40– 5h15 PM

**NETWORKING and FREE TIME**



5h15 – 6h30 PM

**WORKSHOP No.1**



**Unlocking the braille code: Braille basics for vision science**

**Natalina Martiniello**, PhD, School of Optometry -University of Montreal, QC, Canada

6h30 – 7h30 PM

**SESSION 1 – ORAL PRESENTATION** (odd numbers)

7h30 PM

**DINNER BBQ**

TABLE DU ROY

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# WEDNESDAY JULY 15, 2026

7h – 8h30 AM

**BREAKFAST**

ÉCO-CAFÉ

## THEME 2: Vision and visual impairment in the real world

Moderator : À venir

8h30 – 11h05 AM

**TALKS**

8h30 AM

*To come*

**Stuart Trenolm**, PhD, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

9h15 AM

*To come*

**Cristopher Niell**, PhD, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA

10h00 AM

**BREAK**

10h20 AM

*To come*

**Susana Chung**, OD, PhD, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA

11h05 AM – 12h05 PM **SESSION 2 – POSTER PRESENTATIONS** (odd numbers)

12h05 – 1h30 PM

**LUNCH**

ÉCO-CAFÉ

1h30 – 2h45 PM

**WORKSHOP No.2**

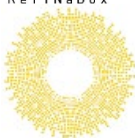


RetinaBox

**LEARN HOW THE BRAIN BUILDS VISUAL FEATURE DETECTORS WITH RETINABOX**

**Stuart Trenholm**, PhD, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

**Brune Bettler**, MSc student, Zurich, Switzerland



2h45 – 5h30 PM

**NETWORKING and FREE TIME**



5h30 – 6h30 PM

**SESSION 3 – ORAL PRESENTATIONS** (even numbers)

6h30 – 7h30 PM

**SESSION 4 – POSTER PRESENTATIONS** (even numbers)

7h30 PM

**DINNER GALA**

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# THURSDAY JULY 16, 2026

7h – 8h40 AM

**BREAKFAST**

*ÉCO-CAFÉ*

8h40 – 9h AM

**PHOTO de GROUPE**

*ÉCO-CAFÉ Terrace*

9h – 9h45 AM

**TALK**

**9h AM** *From accommodation to innovation: Emerging trends in assistive technologies for blindness and low vision*

**Natalina Martiniello**, PhD, CVRT, School of Optometry -University of Montreal, QC, Canada

9h45 AM

**BREAK**

## **THEME 3: From lab to bench**

Moderator: To come

10h – 11h30 AM

**TALKS**

**10h AM** *To come*

**Christopher Pack**, PhD, McGill University (MNI), Montreal, QC, Canada

**10h45 AM** *Virtual Talk – CONE-TARGETED OPTOGENETIC VISION RESTORATION*

**Bence Gyorgy**, MD, PhD, Institute of Molecular and Clinical Ophthalmology Basel (IOB), Switzerland

11h30 – 11h45 AM

**CLOSING**

**Closing remarks, acknowledgments, and awards presentation**

**Adriana Di Polo**, PhD, University of Montreal QC, Canada

**Stuart Trenholm**, PhD, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

12h – 2h PM

**LUNCH**

*ÉCO-CAFÉ*

2h – 2h15 PM

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