

Montreal Networker - November 9, 2011

It was with great pleasure that CSPS, the Canadian chapter of the CRS, and Biotech Montreal welcomed a large group to the 2011 Fall Networking Event at the St. Paul Hotel in the Old Port in Montreal on Wednesday November 9. Those of you who could not come, you missed a great night; for those who came, thank you for making it such a success! Your presence and interest created the true spirit of the event; where research and industry liaised in a relaxing setting and were informed by excellent speakers.



Captivated audience

Many thanks to the two speakers that instructed the participants during the evening. Everyone's attention was captured when Prof. Masad José Damha presented his research about *making sense out of Antisense and siRNAs*. Prof Damha's talk not only provided insights in the development of novel endogenous targets for anticancer applications, but also gave us the opportunity to appreciate in which direction research is now moving in the development of delivery strategies.

Prof. Denis deBlois' talk illustrated how the traditional models of drug development are being challenged by all stakeholders and new partnerships of knowledge creation are needed to face the major unmet medical needs of the 21st century.



Prof. Damha in action



Prof. deBlois talking Pharma and the Movies

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