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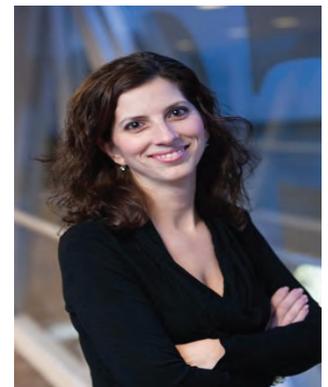
## A Year In Review

As it's approaching one year since I have been with the IMAGINE Network, I can't help but reflect upon the progress we've made. The first few months were busy setting up all the infrastructure necessary to enable the Network's operations. Now that institutional agreements, ethics approvals and budgets are in place, I am excited to report that the main cohort research study has been launched. Recruitment has now been piloted in three sites including McMaster University, Queen's University and University of Manitoba. We are gathering feedback from both subjects and research coordinators on the online survey platform to improve the patient experience. We hope that in the coming months several more sites will be ready to begin recruitment including University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Dalhousie University, and University Health Network. We are also in the process of translating the patient surveys into French for our Quebec sites.

In addition, there has been some significant progress with two IMAGINE sub-studies. The fecal transplantation in ulcerative colitis (led by McMaster University) and fecal transplantation in Crohn's disease (led by University of Alberta) are ahead of schedule. In mid-December, the IMAGINE Network will be convening a meeting of its External Advisory Panel, made up of international scientific experts, to give us some feedback on where we have been and guidance on where we go from here. To read a full report of the progress that has been made in the first year of the Network, [visit our website](#).

Stay tuned to all the developments within the Network on social media. Happy holidays to all best wishes for a safe and successful new year.

Aida Fernandes  
Executive Director,  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9-12, 2018  
CDDW 2018  
Toronto, ON.

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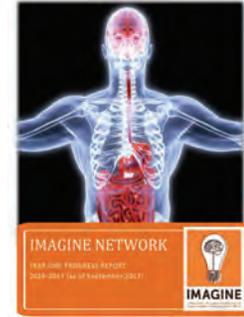
# SPREADING THE WORD

IMAGINE's researchers have been getting our name out there! Here are some recent highlights:



IMAGINE researcher, Dr. Jean-Eric Ghia educated listeners about patient-oriented research on the Radio-Canada series *Des éprouvettes et des hommes*. Listen to the broadcast [here](#).

Last month, IMAGINE's Principal Investigator, Dr. Paul Moayyedi, spoke about patient engagement in research at Queen's University.



IMAGINE's first Annual Report has arrived! Get a full rundown on IMAGINE's progress and accomplishments in our first year. [Click here](#) to view the full report.

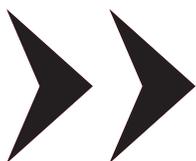


Dr. Laura Targownik, IMAGINE's sex and gender studies research lead, detailed our studies to the Crohn's and Colitis Canada Winnipeg Chapter during a patient education event.

Recruitment of subjects for our main cohort study has started at McMaster, Queen's and University of Manitoba!



A comprehensive review written by Queen's University's Dr. Caroline Tuck (Dietician, PhD) and Dr. Stephen Vanner for the IMAGINE Network was recently published in *Neurogastroenterology and Motility Journal*. Dr. Tuck has written an excellent up-to-date review on diet therapies for functional disorders and this is a first step towards formulating our IMAGINE IBS diet study. [Click here](#) to read the full publication.



Do you have a story suggestion, research update or news item that you would like to share with the IMAGINE Network in a future edition? Email Veronica Vandeneve at [vandenev@mcmaster.ca](mailto:vandenev@mcmaster.ca) with your ideas.