

Dr. Marc Habash (School of Environmental Sciences) and Drs. Emma Allen-Vercoe and Cezar Khursigara (Molecular and Cellular Biology) are pleased to welcome Dr. Thomas Tompkins, Biochemistry & Microbiology Research Director, Institut Rosell Inc., Lallemand Human Nutrition, for a special seminar on:

Thursday June 24th at 1.30-2.30 pm
In SCIE 2315

Seminar Title:
Evaluating the Host Response to Probiotics:
Myths, Realities and New Dimensions

All are welcome to attend what promises to be a very interesting talk.

Dr. Tompkins completed his doctorate studies in Biochemistry at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. After post-doctoral studies at the University of Guelph, he joined Lallemand Inc. in December 1995 as the R&D Supervisor at their research facilities located in the Biotechnology Research Institute in Montreal, Quebec. In 1999, Dr. Tompkins became the Director of Research at Institut Rosell Inc., the Human Nutrition and Health Division of Lallemand. At the Institut Rosell he has established a strong scientific programme to evaluate the safety and mechanisms of action of probiotics and their effect on the integrity of the intestinal mucosa. He is currently leading the genomic programme on probiotic microbes at Rosell and coordinating several groups of investigators to evaluate the impact of microbes on the brain-gut axis. He has published numerous scientific articles and has given a number of international presentations for continuing medical education courses.

He is a member of the American Gastroenterology Association (AGA), the Canadian Association of Gastroenterologists (CAG), the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). He reviews for several journals such as Applied & Environmental Microbiology, Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology.

