

# THE MONELL CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONELL CENTER

Professionally, this time is as challenging as any that Monell, as an institution — or any of us individually — has ever experienced. As we learn and adapt, I express my gratitude above all for the dedication and patience of our faculty, staff, donors, corporate partners, funders, and friends all over the world. This touches us all.

We will all grow from this communal experience and together move forward. With deepest appreciation, I thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Monell. Be well and stay safe.



Robert Margolskee, MD, PhD  
Director & President



## During Isolation We Remember...

As Monellians closely monitor developments on COVID-19, we still grieve the loss of beloved scientist George Preti. We remain actively engaged in planning an in-person memorial to his life and research for a future date, fundraising for the [Preti Analytical Chemistry Core](#), and sharing stories about working with George – for example, see articles in the [New York Times](#) and [The Scientist](#).

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## In the Thick of It

Monell is taking an active role in the newly formed Global Consortium for Chemosensory Research. #GCCR unites chemosensory scientists worldwide to understand reports of COVID-19 chemosensory issues & advance science in the chemical senses.

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## Infectious Disease Experts in our Midst: A Q&A with Bruce Kimball

We recently had an email chat with chemical ecologist Bruce Kimball, who recently joined Monell full-time after years of working jointly for the USDA and Monell. We asked about how his work dovetails with the COVID-19 pandemic and other infections.

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