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THE MONELL CONNECTION

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MONELL CENTER

Monell has a busy week coming up as we celebrate our 50th anniversary with several events, starting with the [Identifying Treatments for Taste and Smell Disorders](#) international conference on November 14th and 15th.

Next, our sold-out 50th anniversary dinner event, [Double Tasty: Dinner and a Show](#), takes place on the evening of November 15th.

The week ends with a 1-1/2 day alumni gathering, where Monellians past and present will re-connect to celebrate our 50 years of foundational discovery in taste and smell science and toast Monell's future.

We look forward to sharing highlights from all these events with you in our next newsletter. Now, please read on for the most recent examples of how Monell is building on our legacy of scientific discovery to benefit global health.



Robert Margolskee, MD, PhD
Director & President



A New Smell Defender?

New research suggests that mysterious sensory cells in the olfactory epithelium called *microvillous cells* may help protect our sense of smell. These cells act as sentinels, detecting harmful intruders and initiating a defensive response. [Read More](#)



Busting Bitter, Saving Lives

In collaboration with Discovery BioMed, we recently received NIH funding for an exciting project to advance human health. Better bitter taste blockers can improve acceptance of nutritious plant-based foods and increase patient willingness to take life-saving oral medicines. [Read More](#)



Sickness Odors Spread

Odors provide cues about many aspects of personal identity, including health status. A recent study revealed that bodily odors associated with sickness can cause biological changes in healthy animals, potentially to minimize the infection's spread. [Read More](#)



Marco Tizzano Named Morley Kare Fellow

Physiologist Marco Tizzano is the 2018-2020 Morley R. Kare Fellow. Tizzano's research increases understanding of chemosensory sentinel cells involved in respiratory protective reflexes and immune responses. [Read More](#)

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