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Name:	Miriam Margari
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Research Assistant
Lab/Group:	Ryerson Lab
	Hello, my name is Miriam, and I'm the new Research Assistant at Ryerson Lab, where I manage the ILD biobank. Originally from Italy, I moved to Vancouver this past summer after living in the UK for 10 years. Over the past 5 years, I've gained experience in academic research, with a background in stem cell research from my time in London. I'm excited to be part of Dr. Ryerson and Dr. Goobie's team and look forward to contributing to their important research.
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	I go to the gym a lot, which means that if I am not lifting, then I am probably cooking! I also love going on long walks and try new coffee shops and restaurants.
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Bali!
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	I have been vegan for 7 years and it has been very nice to discover new vegan spots in Vancouver. So far I have a favourite bakery called "To live for" in east Vancouver. Best vegan pastry!

Name:	Shinya Iwase
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Lab/Group:	Dr. Brunham's Lab
	Hi, my name is Shinya Iwase, and I am very excited to be working at HLI. I worked as a physician specializing emergency and critical care medicine in Japan. I graduated my doctoral degree in Japan and came to HLI to research on sepsis. I enjoy playing and watching various sports, especially soccer. Looking forward to getting to meet everyone at HLI!

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What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Egypt. I want to see the pyramids.
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	Japanese Sushi
Who is the most famous person you have met, or who would you like to meet?	Outside of work, I've been focusing on improving my English. In my downtime, I enjoy watching videos online to relax and pick up more natural expressions. Since I'm still getting settled, I'm spending time adjusting to my new environment, but once I'm more comfortable, I'm looking forward to exploring the city and starting activities like running outdoors.

Name:	Sonali Sharma
Position: (Staff, student, etc.)	Staff
Lab/Group:	Grants/KT Team
	<p>Hi everyone, My name is Sonali and I am the new KT/Grants Coordinator! I am so excited to join HLI and looking forward to getting involved and supporting the initiatives and research at the institute!</p>
What activities do you spend most of your time on outside of work?	I love cooking and baking!
What is #1 destination you want to travel to?	Tokyo, Japan
What is your favourite food or favourite restaurant?	My favourite restaurant is Jam Café for Brunch!

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