Our Newest Organ?

Microbes are in a happy truce with our own cells, a detente where they exist in a 1:1 ratio — but wait, there's more. Collectively, the individual members form complex, interdependent communities based on their location, whether it be the dessert of our skin or the rainforest we call our digestive tract. What these communities all share in common is that they each play an integral role in determining whether we are healthy or ill. This month's Science Café will explore how our microbiome affects our lives, whether it be making us sick, keeping us well or even making us crave that piece of chocolate.