A Message from the President

I am hugely honored to serve as the 11th president of the Society for Mucosal Immunology. I would like to begin by thanking each and every one of you for the support that you provide to the society by being an active member. In the past several years, we have seen our membership grow from 500 members in 2005 to 793 members in 2011, we have launched a society journal, and we have increased the frequency of our society meeting from every third year, to every other year. Notably, the 15th International Congress of Mucosal Immunology meeting this past summer in Paris broke all records with an attendance of 963 participants, 144 talks and an astonishing 489 posters.

I probably don't need to point this out, but it is an exceptionally exciting time to be a mucosal immunologist. It is almost impossible to open a journal or a newspaper these days without coming across a new study that talks about how important homeostasis of the mucosal immune system is to our overall health and well-being. In addition to the increasing recognition of our field in the mainstream media, we have seen the incredibly successful growth of our society journal, Mucosal Immunology, published in conjunction with Nature Publishing Group.

Announcing ICMI 2013

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
July, 2013

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More details coming soon!

Congratulations to Angela Schppers of the University Hospital Aachen in Aachen, Germany, who was randomly selected to receive complimentary ICMI 2013 registration for her participation in the post-ICMI 2011 survey.

Announcing the New SMI Board of Councilors
The current issue of *Mucosal Immunology* is online now and features the following articles:

**Regulation of the polymeric immunoglobulin receptor and IgA transport: new advances in environmental factors that stimulate pIgR expression and its role in mucosal immunity**
F-E Johansen and C S Kaetzel

**Secretory IgA’s complex roles in immunity and mucosal homeostasis in the gut**
N J Mantis, N Rol and B Corthésy

**The human immunoglobulin A Fc receptor FcαRI: a multifaceted regulator of mucosal immunity**
J E Bakema and M van Egmond

**Biofilms can be dispersed by focusing the immune system on a common family of bacterial nucleoid-associated proteins**
S D Goodman, K P Obergfell, J A Jurcisek, L A Novotny, J S Downey, E A Ayala, N Tjokro, B Li, S S Justice and L O Bakaletz

**Oral macrophage-like cells play a key role in tolerance induction following sublingual immunotherapy of asthmatic mice**
L Mascarell, N Saint-Lu, H Moussu, A Zimmer, A Louise, Y Lone, D Ladant, C Leclerc, S Tourdot, L Van Overtvelt and P Moingeon

**Prevention of vaginal SHIV transmission in macaques by a live recombinant Lactobacillus**
L A Lagenaur, B E Sanders-Beer, B Brichacek, R Pal, X Liu, Y Liu, R Yu, D Venzon, P P Lee and D H Hamer

**Synergy between intraepithelial lymphocytes and lamina propria T cells drives intestinal inflammation during infection**
C E Egan, K J Maurer, S B Cohen, M Mack, K...
Enhanced HIV-1 replication in ex vivo ectocervical tissues from post-menopausal women correlates with increased inflammatory responses
C Rollenhagen and S N Asin

Influenza A facilitates sensitization to house dust mite in infant mice leading to an asthma phenotype in adulthood
A Al-Garawi, R Fattouh, F Botelho, T D Walker, S Goncharova, C-L Moore, M Mori, J S Erjefalt, D K Chu, A A Humbles, R Kolbeck, M R Stampfl, P M O'Byrne, A J Coyle and M Jordana

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SMI Collaborates with FOCIS
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November 7-11, 2011

New Delhi, India

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with FOCIS in implementing its new individual membership structure. FOCIS will send you additional information and an invitation to join in the coming weeks.

Mucosal immunology is of great interest to FOCIS, and the partnership will advance the mission of both organizations.

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