Abstract submission for the 17th International Congress of Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2015) is now open! Submit your abstract to the premier meeting on the mucosal immune system. Notifications will be sent to the contact author via email on April 15, 2015.

SMI is proud to support young scientists in the field of mucosal immunology and will award up to 40 travel awards for the upcoming ICMI congress. Travel awards will range from $500-$1,000 and will be given to young investigators who submit the highest scoring abstracts. Eligible awardees must be under the age of 40 and must be members of SMI. Recipients will be notified via email by April 15, 2015.

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**10:15-10:45 am:**
Control of Mucosal Th17 Cell Homeostasis
Ivaylo Ivanov, PhD, Columbia University

**10:45-11:15 am:**
N TCRab+ IEL: Mix and Match MHC Reactives
Florence Lambolez, PhD, La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology

**11:15-11:45 am:**
NKT Cells Orchestrate Critical Barrier Protective Functions in Mucosal Tissues
Richard Blumberg, MD, Brigham & Women’s Hospital

**11:45-12:15 pm:**
Human Pathogen Reactive MAIT Cells
Marielle Gold, PhD, Oregon Health & Science University

Symposium Chaired by: Tim Denning, PhD, Emory University

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- Genetics and Pathogenesis presented by Ramnik Xavier, MD, PhD
- Structure, Function and Diversity of the Human Vaginal Microbiome presented by Larry Forney, PhD

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EMIG 2014 Poster Prize Winners

SMI sponsored two Mucosal Immunology poster prizes at this year’s European Mucosal Immunology Group (EMIG) conference October 9-12 in Glasgow, Scotland.

Congratulations to Isabella Dotti (IDIBAPS, Barcelona) and Lars Vereecke (Ghent University, Ghent). They each received a poster prize consisting of $200 and a one year membership to SMI.

From left, Allan Mowat (SMI President-Elect), Isabella Dotti, Lars Vereecke and William Agace (Mucosal Immunology journal Associate Editor).
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ICMI 2015 Plenary Presentations

Andreas Defenbach, MD, PhD
University of Mainz
Innate Lymphoid Cells in the Protection of the Mucosal Barrier

Florian Greten, MD
Georg-Speyer Haus, Institute for Tumor Biology and Experimental Therapy
Inflammation and Stem Cell Plasticity in Colon Cancer

Benjamin Marsland, PhD
University of Lausanne
Neonatal Immune Cell Development in the Lung – Preprogrammed or Opportunities for Intervention?

William Agace, PhD
Lund University
Specialized Functions of Dendritic Cell Subsets in Intestinal Immune Homeostasis

Markus Neurath, MD, PhD
University of Erlangen
T Cell Subsets in IBD

Silvio Danese, MD, PhD
Humanitas Clinical and Research Center
New Therapies for IBD: From Bench to Bedside

Allan Mowat
University of Glasgow
Tissue Determined Differentiation of Macrophages and Dendritic Cells in the Intestine

Wolf-Dietrich Hardt, PhD
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Salmonella Diarrhea, A Tug of War Between the Microbiota, the Pathogen and Mucosal Innate Immune Defense

Mathias Hornef, MD
Hannover Medical School
Ontogeny of the Enteric Mucosal Immune System and the Host’s Susceptibility to Infection

Dana Philpott, PhD
University of Toronto
Nod-like Receptors – At the Interface of Immunity and Microbes

Charles MacKay, PhD
Monash University
Does it All Start in the Gut? Dietary and Bacterial Mechanisms Underlying Gut Homeostasis, Tolerance and Inflammatory Diseases

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Cutting Edge: GPR35/CXCR8 is the Receptor of the Mucosal Chemokine CXCL17
José L. Maravillas-Montero, Amanda M. Burkhardt, Peter A. Hevezi, Christina D. Carnevale, Martine J. Smit, and Albert Zlotnik
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Induction of the nuclear receptor PPAR-γ by the cytokine GM-CSF is critical for the differentiation of fetal monocytes into alveolar macrophages
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Indigenous enteric eosinophils control DCs to initiate a primary Th2 immune response in vivo

CD8αα innate-type lymphocytes in the intestinal epithelium mediate mucosal immunity