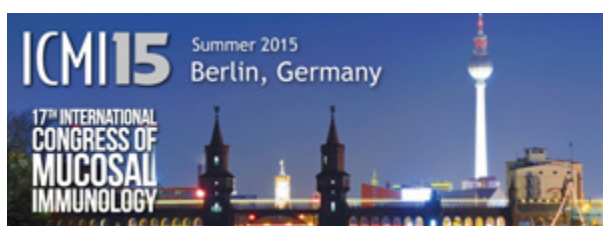




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Announcing: The 17th International Congress of Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2015)



SMI is pleased to announce that [ICMI 2015](#) will be held July 15-18, 2015 at the Maritim in Berlin, Germany. Mark your calendars for the only meeting that solely discusses the mucosal immunology system and offers opportunities for networking with key researchers and clinicians from different mucosal fields.

The scientific program will feature the following topics:

- Impact of “non-immune” cells in mucosal immunology
- Novel techniques of cell imaging and knockout
- Translational approaches to human disease
- Host microbe interaction and consequences for health
- Current and future directions in mucosal immunology
- Mechanisms for the gut that are also relevant to the lung and other mucosal surfaces

See you in Berlin!

SMI Vision for 2014 and Beyond



SMI leadership has been hard at work developing a strategic plan for the organization, setting goals and future direction for the next two years. Strategic issues were identified based on extensive member survey data, which identified three key issues:

- Maintaining Momentum in Non-congress Years
- Targeting Young Professionals
- Elucidating SMI Relevance to Practical Therapy

Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming months. Don't hesitate to [contact us](#) with ideas or suggestions.

SMI to Host Symposium at FOCIS 2014 in Honor of Lloyd Mayer



SMI is partnering with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) to host a full-day symposium in the honor of Lloyd Mayer at the annual meeting of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS 2014). The symposium will be held on June 25th at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in Chicago, Illinois. The symposium will be titled Lymphocyte Epithelial Interactions in Intestinal Inflammation. Check out the symposium list of speakers and topics:

8:00 – 8:30 am – Adaptive Immune Responses to the Microbiota – *Charles Elson, MD, University of Birmingham*

8:30 – 9:00 am – Host-microbial Interactions in the Intestine – Eugene Chang, MD, University of Chicago

9:00 – 9:30 am – Gastrointestinal Malignancy and the Microbiome – *Maria Abreu, MD, University of Miami*

9:30 – 10:00 am – Regulation of Homeostatic Pathways and Macrophage Activation by the Enteric Microbiota – *Scott Plevy, MD, Janssen Biotech*

10:15 – 10:45 am – When Oral Tolerance Fails: Immune Mechanisms of Food Allergy – *Cecilia Berin, MD, Mount Sinai Hospital*

10:45 – 11:15 am – Treat to Target in IBD – *Jean-Frederic Colombel, MD, Mount Sinai Hospital*

11:15 – 11:45 am – New Targets and New Therapies for IBD – *Stephan Targan, MD, Mount Sinai Hospital*

11:45 – 12:15 pm – Deciphering and Manipulating Human Immunoregulatory Pathways – *Scott Snapper, MD, PhD, Brigham and Women's Hospital*

1:15 – 1:45 pm – Pouchitis: A Key to Understanding Crohn's disease – *Iris Dotan, MD, Tel Aviv Medical Center*

1:45 – 2:15 pm – The Molecular Mechanism Underlying NOD2 Dysfunction in Crohn's Disease – *Warren Strober, MD, National Institute of Health*

2:15 – 2:45 pm – Paneth Cells and Intestinal Inflammation – **Richard Blumberg, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital**

3:00 – 3:30 pm – Innate Immunity at the Epithelial Surface of the Intestine – *Sean Colgan, PhD, University of Colorado-Denver*

3:30 – 4:00 pm – Immune Consequences of a Dying Intestinal Epithelium – *Julie Blander, PhD, Mount Sinai Hospital*

4:00 – 4:30 pm – Cross talk between innate lymphocytes and Mononuclear Phagocytes Control Immune Homeostasis in the Intestine – *Miriam Merad, PhD, Mount Sinai Hospital*

4:30- 5:00 pm – Immune Cell Trafficking in the Intestine – *Sergio Lira, MD, PhD, Mount Sinai Hospital*

NEW: Featured Papers of the Month



Each month the Society for Mucosal Immunology leadership selects innovative and scientifically rigorous papers to prominently feature on its website. The papers are selected and vetted by the Board of Councilors. Each paper is accompanied by a photo of the article authors along with a brief summary of the article.

[Check out this month's featured papers.](#)

Requesting your Input: SMI Website Redesign



SMI will unveil a newly redesigned website in May of 2014. It will feature easier navigation, brand new features, and a clean look overall. Look for enhanced collaboration opportunities, an easily-navigable membership directory and expert-identified protocols. [Please answer our 3 - 4 open-ended question survey](#) about what you would like to see on the new SMI website!

Last Chance to Renew your SMI Membership for 2014!



If you haven't already, renew your SMI membership, [login today!](#) Not a member? Four reasons to renew your membership:

- *Mucosal Immunology* journal subscription – Impact Factor 7.000!
- Reduced registration at ICMI 2015 and other SMI events
- Enhanced collaboration opportunities
- 20% off *Principles of Mucosal Immunology* textbook

Upcoming Meetings of Interest



[HIV Vaccines: Adaptive Immunity and Beyond](#)

March 9 – 14th, 2014
Banff, Alberta, Canada

[HIV Pathogenesis: Virus vs. Host](#)

March 9 – 14th, 2014
Banff, Alberta, Canada

[American Association of Immunologists \(AAI\)](#)

May 2 – 6th, 2014
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

[Digestive Diseases Week](#)

May 3 – 6th, 2014
Chicago, Illinois, USA

[10th European Symposium on Saliva](#)

May 14 – 17th, 2014
Egmond aan Zee, Netherlands

[Federation for Clinical Immunology Societies \(FOCIS\)](#)

June 25 – 28th, 2014
Chicago, Illinois, USA

[The Fifth European Influenza ESWI Conference](#)

Riga, Latvia
September 14 – 17th, 2014

[European Mucosal Immunology Group](#)

October 9 – 12th, 2014
Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom

[Cell Symposia: The Multifaceted Roles of Type 2 Immunity](#)

December 10 – 12th, 2014
Bruges, Belgium

To view more upcoming meetings of interest, visit the SMI [Meetings of Interest](#) page.

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