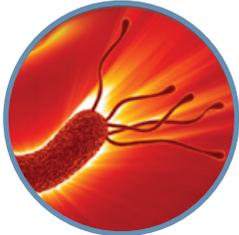


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Join us for the inaugural [Mucosal Immunology Course & Symposium](#) Meeting, to be held July 26-29, 2016, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, Canada. The meeting content will center on how the mucosal microbiota influences immune responses. The theme for the meeting is *Microbiota and Mucosal Immunity: Rules of Engagement in Health and Disease*.

The event will commence with a one-day course on July 26, aimed mainly at trainees. The course is based on the *Principles of Mucosal Immunology* textbook and taught by a faculty team led by Dr. Phillip Smith, one of the textbook editors. A two and a half day interactive symposium will follow, featuring fresh session formats for scientific talks and electronic poster sessions, alongside more traditional presentation formats.



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Member Spotlight

SMI's Immediate Past President Ken Beagley, has recently been recognized by media outlets for his research on male koalas. This work is a collaboration between Dr. Beagley and Professor Steve Johnston at the University of Queensland. Dr. Beagley briefly explains their research, "We have found that male koalas, as many as 70% in our area, have Chlamydia infections of the testis and male reproductive tract and these infections adversely impact spermatogenesis, causing DNA damage to sperm that may impair male fertility. We are starting a vaccination program of male koalas to see if we can reverse the damage caused by Chlamydia infection in males and enhance fertility in wild koala populations."



Ken Beagley, PhD



Steve Johnston

Learn more about Dr. Beagley and Professor Johnston's research via the links below:

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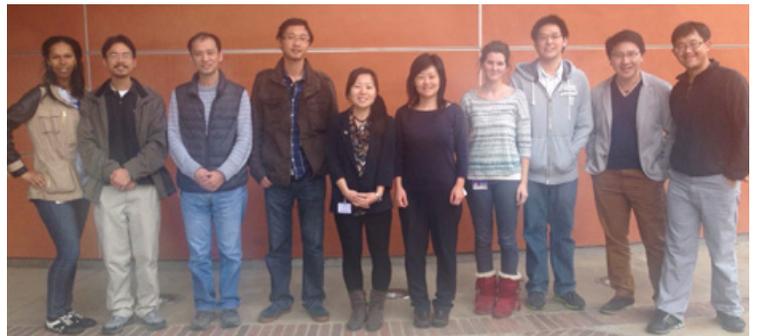
SMI Announces a New Category of Membership for Scientists from Developing Countries

SMI recognizes its responsibility to the worldwide community of mucosal immunologists, and seeks the participation and input of scientists from developing countries. SMI welcomes scientists from these regions as members with reduced dues. To join, [please click here](#). Spread the word and help us grow SMI to be a truly global organization.

Featured Papers of the Month



Functional characterization of IgA-targeted bacterial taxa from undernourished Malawian children that produce diet-dependent enteropathy, Andrew L. Kau, Joseph D. Planer, Jie Liu, Sindhuja Rao, Tanya Yatsunenko, Indi Trehan, Mark J. Manary, Ta-Chiang Liu, Thaddeus S. Stappenbeck, Kenneth M. Maleta, Per Ashorn, Kathryn G. Dewey, Eric R. Houpt, Chyi-Song Hsieh and Jeffrey I. Gordon. *Science Translational Medicine* 25 Feb 2015: Vol. 7, Issue 276, pp. 276ra24 DOI: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aaa4877



Vitamin B12 modulates the transcriptome of the skin microbiota in acne pathogenesis, Dezhi Kang, Baochen Shi, Marie C. Erfe, Noah Craft and Huiying Li. *Science Translational Medicine* 24 Jun 2015: Vol. 7, Issue 293, pp. 293ra103 DOI: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aab2009



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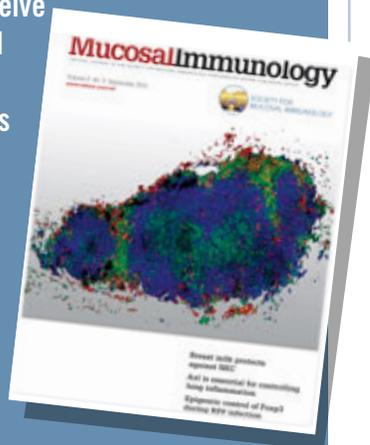
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October 13-16, 2015
Medellín, Colombia

10th European Mucosal Immunology

Group Meeting
October, 2016
Copenhagen, Denmark

44th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Immunology

November 18-20, 2015
Sapporo, Japan

AAI 2017

May 12-16, 2017
Washington D.C., USA

AAI 2016

May 13-17, 2016
Seattle, Washington, USA

ICMI 2017

July 19-22, 2017
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FOCIS 2016

June 22-25, 2016
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

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May 4-8, 2018
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