

THE SOCIETY FOR MUCOSAL IMMUNOLOGY
promotes excellence in research and education in the field of mucosal immunology and fosters communication among immunologists studying both human and animal tissues.



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SMI Membership

2010: 655 members

2011: 743 members (congress year)

2012: 616 members

2013: 717 (renewals in progress)

SMI Congress: ICMI 2013

The 16th International Congress for Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2013) meeting is to be held in Vancouver, BC from July 17th – 21st. Twenty-seven speakers have accepted the invitation to present at the Plenary Sessions, 24 speakers have accepted the invitation to present at the Parallel Sessions, and 3 speakers have accepted the invitation to speak at the State of the Art sessions. Thus far, 421 abstracts have been submitted, and expectation is for 850 attendees.

Preparation for SMI Congress 2015

Planning for the 17th International Congress for Mucosal Immunology (ICMI 2015) has been initiated. The co-organizers for the congress are: Allan Mowat, Glasgow and Oliver Pabst, Germany. The location for the meeting is currently being sought.

SMI Sponsored Activities

The SMI sponsors speakers or sessions at a number of conferences. A committee provides strategic partnering with other scientific organizations to meet the needs of the global SMI membership.

- In 2010, the SMI hosted sessions at FOCIS and EMIG, and a poster award was provided at ASI.
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- In 2012, the SMI has hosted sessions at FOCIS, ECI and EMIG. In addition, an SMI-sponsored travel award was provided for a speaker to attend ImmunoPeru. And a poster award will be provided at ASI.
- In 2013, the SMI will host sessions at AAI

SMI Journal

The SMI partnered with Nature Publishing Group to launch a new journal, *Mucosal Immunology*, in January of 2008. In 2011, *Mucosal Immunology* achieved its first impact factor of 6.817, ranking it amongst the top 15 of all immunology journals, and making it into the top 10 of non-review immunology journals. In 2012, the impact factor increased to 6.962 and the number of submissions has significantly increased. The page count has been increased for 2013, and the new impact factor is expected in June.

SMI Text Book

Led by editors Phillip D. Smith, Thomas T. MacDonald, and Richard S. Blumberg, SMI published its first official textbook, *Principles of Mucosal Immunology*, presenting the basic and clinical aspects of the mucosal immune system, focusing on the major components of the mucosal barrier.

SMI Future Goals

- Continue the tradition of scientific rigor at ICMI
- Support the travel of young investigators to attend ICMI
- Expand support to increase participation at ICMI by under-represented minority scientists
- Continue momentum of the *Mucosal Immunology* journal
- Continue strong relations with affiliated societies
- Maintain strong international presence
- Continually assess member needs and deliver as promised

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