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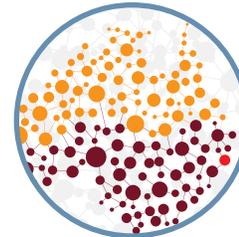
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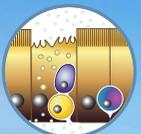


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Meet Your SMI Board of Councilors

We are pleased to announce the 2017-2019 SMI Board of Councilors. Thank you to all those who participated in this year's election.



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Learn more about each of these Board of Councilors members by visiting the [2017-2019 Board of Councilors page](#) on the SMI website.



SMI Symposium at IMMUNOLOGY 2017

On May 15th, SMI hosted a guest symposium at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Immunologists in Washington, D.C., entitled *Environmental Sensors of Immune Regulation at Mucosal Surfaces*. SMI board members Lauren Zenewicz and Jo Viney served as chairs and introduced four presentations on how the environment is sensed by immune cells and the many ways this shapes immunity in the gastrointestinal tract and lung.

Pictured (from left to right): Dr. Jo Viney (session chair), Dr. Lauren Zenewicz (session chair and speaker, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center), Dr. Gary Huffnagle (speaker, University of Michigan), Dr. Noah Palm (speaker, Yale University) and Dr. Liang Zhou (speaker, University of Florida).

Don't Miss ICMI 2017!



Great Networking and Social Events at ICMI!

ICMI 2017 will be a great opportunity to network with fellow immunologists. Be sure to plan on attending this year's social events:

Tuesday, July 18th

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Location: Renaissance Hotel Lobby

Wednesday, July 19th

6:45 – 8:45 PM

Poster & Exhibit Reception

Location: Renaissance Ballroom

Thursday, July 20th

6:45 – 8:45 PM

Poster & Exhibit Reception

Location: Renaissance Ballroom

8:45 – 10:00 PM

SMI Trainee & PI/Senior
Scientist Networking
Reception

Location: Renaissance Foyer

Friday, July 21st

6:45 – 8:15 PM

Poster & Exhibit Reception

Location: Renaissance Ballroom

8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Farewell Reception
(Separate ticket required)

*Location: National Museum of
Women in the Arts*

Featured Lunch Sessions Added

This year, SMI has partnered with a number of outstanding organizations and sponsors to provide three additional lunch sessions during ICMI 2017. These sessions include:

Wednesday, July 19th 12:30 – 2:00 PM

[Immunology of the Female Reproductive Tract](#) – Presented by American Society for Reproductive Immunology (ASRI)

Thursday, July 19th 12:30 – 2:00 PM

[Environmental Enteric Dysfunction, Stunting and Oral Vaccine Efficacy](#) – Sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

[New Findings from Young Investigators at the National Institutes of Health](#) – Presented by the National Institutes of Health Immunology Interest Group

Please note that seating and refreshments at these presentations will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Book Your Hotel Before June 23rd

Don't miss your opportunity to stay at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel at the reduced ICMI 2017 rate of only \$230 per night. Not only is this 4-star hotel the location of the congress, saving you from the hassle of transportation to and from the event, but it also is just a short walk away from numerous museums, historic monuments, shopping, dining and more.

[Book online](#) by June 23rd.

Farewell Reception Tickets

Tickets for the Farewell Reception are \$40 in advance (\$20 for students), or \$50 at the door (\$30 for students). Admission includes drinks, appetizers, dancing, and live music presented by local Washington D.C. group, Spectrum. Purchase your ticket when registering for ICMI, or by emailing info@socmucimm.org.

Thank You to Our ICMI 2017 Sponsors!

The generous support of our ICMI 2017 sponsors helps fund travel awards, sessions, and more.



Sponsorship opportunities and exhibition booths are still available for any other companies or organizations wishing to participate in ICMI 2017. Please visit our [Sponsor and Exhibitor Prospectus](#) for more details.

Congratulations to the 2017 Award Winners!

We are pleased to recognize the following individuals for their achievements and service to SMI. They will be honored at the awards ceremony at ICMI 2017.



Nadine Cerf-Bensussan, MD, PhD
The Per Brandtzaeg Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award

This award honors outstanding members of the community of scientists in mucosal immunology who have made scientific achievements and contributed to the field of mucosal immunology in a significant and important way over a long period of time.



Thomas T. MacDonald, PhD
Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service award recognizes SMI members who have exhibited great citizenship through service to the society in a volunteer capacity over an extended period of time.



Gregory Sonnenberg, PhD
Young Investigator Award

This award was established in 2017 to honor young investigators within 15 years of their postdoctoral experience who have made significant contributions to the field of mucosal immunology.

**We Want
Your Feedback!**

**Complete Survey
to Win \$200 Off
ICMI Registration!**

The SMI 2017 Membership Survey is now open to active members! We highly encourage you to take a few minutes to provide your feedback to help us ensure that you continue to receive the maximum benefit from your membership in the society. If you have suggestions for changes, ideas for new benefits, or concerns, please include your detailed feedback on the survey.

One lucky winner will be selected from all survey participants and receive \$200 off their ICMI 2017 registration, or a \$200 credit towards registration for a future SMI event.

Take the Survey!

Mentorship Program Announcements

2017-2019 Mentorship Program Pairings Announced

We are pleased to announce the newest cohort of mentees and their mentors:

Mentee

Andrea Reboldi
University of Massachusetts Medical Center
United States

Benjamin Lee
University of Vermont
United States

David Bernardo Ordiz
Hospital Universitario de la Princesa
Spain

Eduardo Villablanca
Karolinska Institutet
Sweden

Elizabeth Mann
University of Glasgow
United Kingdom

Mentor

Kathy McCoy
University of Calgary
Canada

Nicholas Mantis
New York State Department of Health
United States

William Agace
Lund University
Sweden

Nadine Cerf-Bensussan
INSERM
France

Clare Lloyd
Imperial College of London
United Kingdom



Learn More About the SMI Mentorship Program at ICMi 2017

Mentees from the 2016-2018 cohort will present their research in a special session on Friday, July 21st. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the early results of the mentorship program directly from the first group of mentees. Presentations include:

- The Role of Dendritic Cell Subsets in the Immune Response Towards Rotavirus
Katharina Lahl, Technical University of Denmark, National Veterinary Institute
- Environmental Factors and Regulation of the Cytokine IL-22
Lauren Zenewicz, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Pathologic Functions of Dendritic Cells and T Cells in the Small Intestine
Gianna Hammer, Duke University
- What Shapes Dendritic Cells into Critical Gatekeepers of Intestinal Immune Responses
Helena Paidassi, ISERM/CNRS
- Myeloid Cells from Human Cervical Tissue Express Siglec-1 and Capture HIV-1
Meritxell Genesca, Health Sciences Research Institute
- Tissue-Resident Memory CD4 T-Cells in Chlamydia Female Reproductive Tract Infection
Lin-Xi Li, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- Tryptophan-derived Metabolite, Indole-3-Propionic Acid, Promotes Homeostasis and Prevents Inflammation of the Intestinal Mucosa
Pablo Romagnoli, Instituto Universitario de Ciencias Biomédicas de Córdoba (IUCBC)

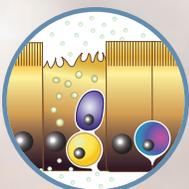
Learn more about the Mentorship Program [here](#).

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Mucosal Immunology Course & Symposium

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Muculent Meetings

Of course, ICMI 2017 is right around the corner, but we recommend that you also check out these upcoming meetings. For more information visit the [Muculent Meetings page](#) on the SMI website.



BSG 2017 Annual Meeting

British Society of Gastroenterology
June 19-22

Manchester Central Convention Complex, United Kingdom

SPBCA 2017

St. Petersburg Congress on Autoimmunity
June 30 – July 2
St. Petersburg, Russia

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July 19-22, 2017
Washington D.C., USA

ERS International Congress 2017

European Respiratory Society
September 9 – 13
Milan, Italy

IMMUNOLOGY 2018

American Association of Immunologists

May 4-8, 2018
Austin, Texas, USA

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Brisbane, Australia