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Nature Publishing Group announces the launch of *Mucosal Immunology*

Launched this month, *Mucosal Immunology* is a new journal from the Society for Mucosal Immunology (SMI) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG). The first issue of this bimonthly journal is now available online at www.nature.com/mi, and to celebrate the launch all content in the inaugural issue is available free of charge.

The team of highly regarded Editors comprises Brian Kelsall (NIH, USA), Jo Viney (Amgen, USA) and Paul Garside (University of Strathclyde, UK), who are supported by an outstanding international editorial board. The content of the first issue includes:

- The immune geography of IgA induction and function – a Review by Andrew Macpherson and colleagues (McMaster University Medical Centre, Canada).
- Location, location, location: B-cell differentiation in the gut lamina propria – a Commentary by Andrea Cerutti (Cornell University, USA).
- HIV infection and the gastrointestinal immune system – a Review from Jason Brenchley and Danny Douek (NIH, USA).
- Retinoic acid receptor signaling levels and antigen dose regulate gut homing receptor expression on CD8⁺ T cells – from William Agace's team in Lund University, Sweden.

Mucosal Immunology is expressly dedicated to advancing highly significant research in the expanding field of mucosal immunology. It aims to provide a forum for both basic and clinical scientists to discuss all aspects of immunity and inflammation involving mucosal tissues. The journal will reflect the interests of scientists studying gastrointestinal, pulmonary, nasopharyngeal, oral, ocular, and genitourinary immunology through the publication of original research articles, scholarly reviews, and timely commentaries, editorials and letters. Publication of basic, translational, and clinical studies will all be given equal consideration.

Mucosal Immunology Editor-in-Chief Brian Kelsall writes in the launch editorial, “[T]he field of mucosal immunology is a fast-growing discipline, and with good reason. A majority of the infectious, allergic, and inflammatory diseases that afflict and kill humans involve mucosal tissues... Our hope is that the journal will provide an essential forum for discussion, as well as a real catalyst for thought on both basic and clinical aspects of mucosal immunology.”

Mucosal Immunology is the only journal owned and endorsed by SMI. As the official journal of SMI, a personal subscription to *Mucosal Immunology* is included in society membership. Institutional and personal subscriptions are available from Nature Publishing Group.

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About SMI

The Society for Mucosal Immunology (SMI) was formed in 1987 to advance research and education related to the field of mucosal immunology. Today the Society represents a diverse group of more than 700 scientists and clinicians from 37 countries.

About NPG

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