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### **The Society for Mucosal Immunology and NPG announce a new publishing partnership**

The Society for Mucosal Immunology (SMI) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG) are pleased to announce a new publishing partnership. In January 2008, NPG and SMI will launch a new publication, *Mucosal Immunology*.

*Mucosal Immunology* will be launched with Dr. Brian Kelsall, of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, as the journal's Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Kelsall and the journal's editorial team aim to provide a forum for both basic and clinical scientists to discuss all aspects of immunity and inflammation involving mucosal tissues.

Dr. Kelsall explains, "*Mucosal Immunology* will be the first journal dedicated to this field of science. I am greatly looking forward to collaborating with NPG on this important project."

Scientists of mucosal immunology aim to better understand diseases such as AIDS, asthma, and inflammatory bowel disease. *Mucosal Immunology* will be devoted to publishing high-quality original research, scholarly reviews, commentaries, editorials and letters that reflect the interests of scientists studying gastrointestinal, pulmonary, nasopharyngeal, oral, ocular, and genitourinary immunology. In addition, *Mucosal Immunology* aims to provide a primary method of communication for the SMI governing board and its members through the publication of society news, announcements of planned meetings and conferences, discussions of policy concerns, and advertisements for job and training opportunities.

NPG was chosen by SMI as the publisher because of its strategic capabilities and experience in publishing premier scientific journals. "NPG joins the SMI partnership with great enthusiasm" said Annette Thomas, NPG's Managing Director, about the new partnership.

#### **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. Mucosal immunologists focus on the sites at which most antigens enter - the mucosal surfaces of the gastrointestinal, respiratory and urogenital tracts. These surfaces comprise the body's first line of defense against an array of pathogenic microbes.

#### **About NPG**

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is a division of Macmillan Publishers Ltd, dedicated to serving the academic, professional scientific and medical communities. NPG's flagship title, *Nature*, is the world's most highly-cited weekly multidisciplinary journal and was first published in 1869. Other publications and services include *Nature* research journals, *Nature Reviews*, *Nature Clinical Practice*, a range of prestigious academic journals, including society-owned publications, news content from [news@nature.com](mailto:news@nature.com) and scientific career information from *Naturejobs*.

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