

## Through the Signaling Gateway

New accession codes and links pack even more information into *Nature Immunology* research articles.


Beginning with this issue of *Nature Immunology*, our readers may notice the addition of accession codes in some research articles. Like the accession numbers linked to microarray or proteomic data sets, these new codes will call up a trove of information relevant to the article in which they are embedded.

The University of California San Diego-Nature Signaling Gateway (<http://www.signaling-gateway.org/>) is supplying this additional data, specifically the 'Molecule Pages' found therein. All Molecule Pages contain abundant automated information pertinent to the genetic and structural properties of a specific molecule. Some even contain annotated information about the functional attributes, interacting partners and biological importance of a given molecule.

We direct *Nature Immunology* readers to the Molecule Pages relevant to a given article in an effort to provide an immediately accessible yet brief source of background information, alternative molecule names, technical sequence and proteomic data, in addition to carefully chosen references for additional reading. Although the general link to the Signaling Gateway—a mainstay of the left menu bar on the *Nature Immunology* homepage for some time now—is useful, the

new in-article Molecule Page links will provide a more direct route to immediately relevant information. Although only the most avid readers are likely to be inclined to randomly browse the library of Molecule Pages, readers of a specific paper on a particular signaling molecule who would like more information can easily—with just a click of the link—be routed to more information about that specific molecule.

To ensure that this exchange of information is bidirectional, we will also be querying *Nature Immunology* authors and referees in the coming months to gauge their interest in contributing new entries to Molecule Pages that may be especially relevant to the articles they have written or reviewed. Much like a Review article, these Molecule Pages are peer reviewed and are assigned citation-friendly 'digital object identifier' numbers, and authors can work alone or collaborate with colleagues toward their completion.

In sum, with this initiative we aim to simultaneously direct *Nature Immunology* readers toward useful information and increase the wealth of material pertinent to immunology available to both immunologists and nonimmunologists who venture to the Signaling Gateway. We welcome your feedback and comments. 

## Immunology around the world

Hearing about past and present issues in the world community of immunology can enrich all of us.

Perhaps the experience is universal: traveling to a different country or place not only brings the newfound pleasure of things never seen before, but it also refreshes the way familiar things back home feel. Such is the great benefit of travel—save the endless delays and security precautions!

In the hope of striking a similar chord, *Nature Immunology* is pleased to announce a series of commentaries on immunology in various places in the world, places that may not usually or often be heard from but that no doubt have interesting things to teach about the world of immunology and about how, as a community, we work and live together to promote the advancement of both experimental and applied immunology.

Beginning with a piece by Agustin Lage on immunology, public health and biotechnology in Cuba in our February issue (<http://www.nature.com/ni/journal/v9/n2/full/ni0208-109.html>), this series aims in part to provide information on such topics as

funding and infrastructure for immunology, special projects or endeavors, and the people, places and events—present and historical—relevant to the immunological community. Another aim is to provide an opportunity for our readers to compare and contrast the familiar scene on the immunological 'home front' with that of other places. Commentaries now scheduled or under consideration include immunology in India, the Middle East, Argentina, Russia and South Africa, and in this issue Xuetao Cao discusses immunology in China (p. 339).

In developing this series of commentaries, we do not aim to cover immunology in all its guises and incarnations. Instead, we hope to present a few well chosen places—and well chosen authors—to provide insight into new projects, ideas and concerns of fellow immunologists. We hope that these commentaries, which will appear periodically over the next year or so, will enrich understanding of the familiar and the not-so-familiar in the world of immunology. 