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Emerging Microbes & Infections (EMI) is now live, publishing original research to a broad global audience. The journal is open access and original research papers are accompanied by professionally written Research Summaries, making the findings accessible to a wider audience. Published in partnership with Nature Publishing Group (NPG), *EMI* is a fully peer-reviewed international journal. Launched earlier this month, *EMI* covers all areas of emerging microbes and infectious diseases and is live at **www.nature.com/emi**.

Since its launch *EMI* has published research from the U.S., Canada, Germany, UK, Hong Kong and mainland China. Findings and opinions have covered topics from the **re-emergence of a scarlet fever** as a public health problem to the **use of pyrazinamide susceptibility** as a mechanism to develop treatment for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (TB).

The founding Co-Editors-in-Chief are Professors Yumei Wen (Fudan, University, China) and Hans-Dieter Klenk (Marburg Institute of Virology, Germany). They are supported by a team of 90 editorial board members from 18 countries.

“One of the key reasons for launching *EMI* is to facilitate collaboration and rapid sharing of knowledge on identification of emerging microbes for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases,” said Professors Yumei Wen and Hans-Dieter Klenk. “As an open access journal, it is envisioned that these collaborations would not only be geographical in nature, but would also see researchers, clinicians and epidemiologists using each other’s expertise in addressing the present-day threats to our global society.”

"*EMI* promises to be a vital resource for anyone interested in the important subject of emerging disease and its consequences for society,” said Dugald McGlashan, Publisher at NPG. “We very much look forward to seeing the contribution the journal makes to improving outcomes in scientific, clinical and policy areas."

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