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**Welcome to Montréal for the 22<sup>nd</sup> International  
Congress of Mucosal Immunology!**

Dear Colleagues,

We are truly delighted to welcome you to Montréal and to this year’s Congress. It’s an honor to bring together such a dynamic and inspiring community of researchers, clinician-scientists, and industry leaders who are all dedicated to advancing our understanding of immune responses at mucosal surfaces.

Hosted by the Society for Mucosal Immunology, this premier meeting is designed to spark meaningful conversations, foster new collaborations, and provide fresh insights from experts who are shaping the future of our field. Throughout the week, you’ll find countless opportunities to connect, exchange ideas, and build relationships—we’re thrilled to see so many of you here contributing to the energy and success of this meeting.

We also encourage you to take some time to experience Montréal—a vibrant and welcoming city known for its culture, cuisine, and summer charm. We hope you enjoy all that it has to offer alongside a week of outstanding science.

We extend our sincere thanks to the International Program Committee and all abstract reviewers for their dedication in curating such a diverse and engaging scientific program. We are equally grateful to all of our presenters, whose contributions are at the heart of this Congress.

Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to our supporters—the Gates Foundation, Helmsley Charitable Trust, Gairdner Quebec, and the Kenneth Rainin Foundation. Your generous support makes a conference of this caliber possible. Thank you for joining us in Montréal and for your continued support of the Society for Mucosal Immunology. We wish you an inspiring week filled with productive discussions, exciting discoveries, and memorable experiences. Welcome—and enjoy the Congress!

Sincerely,



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## About ICMI 2026

### Registration Desk Hours

Please feel free to visit the ICMI registration desk for assistance.

**Monday, July 13:** 14:00 – 18:00

**Tuesday, July 14:** 7:30 – 17:00

**Wednesday, July 15:** 8:00 – 17:00

**Thursday, July 16:** 8:00 – 17:00



## About SMI

Through your research, the vast and complex network of specialist cells, regulatory proteins, and gene expression that make up our immune system is coming into clearer focus. The Society for Mucosal Immunology (SMI) is the leading international organization dedicated to advancing research and education in mucosal immunology—the study of immune responses at barrier surfaces such as the gastrointestinal, respiratory, and urogenital tracts. SMI brings together scientists, clinicians, trainees, and industry professionals from around the world to collaborate, support career development, and accelerate discoveries that improve human health. Through scientific meetings, educational programs, mentorship opportunities, and its official journal, *Mucosal Immunology*, the Society serves as a global hub for innovation in mucosal immune research and translational medicine. represents a diverse group of more than 800 scientists and clinicians from all over the world.

Learn more and join us at [societymi.org](http://societymi.org).

## What are the Benefits of Joining SMI?

### Professional Networking

Connect with a global community of more than 800 scientists and clinicians working on mucosal immunity, infectious diseases, vaccines, inflammatory bowel disease, food allergies, and related fields.

### Congress Discounts

Enjoy registration discounts on SMI events, like the Virtual Principles of Mucosal Immunology Course (July 2027) and the International Congress of Mucosal Immunology (Japan 2028). Members also enjoy discounted abstract submission fees.

### Grants & Travel Awards

Members can apply for travel awards and technique-sharing grants for early career researchers who want to learn new techniques from other host labs.

### Mentorship Opportunities

Access to mentorship program for researchers looking to connect with top leaders in the field.

## Evaluations

Your feedback matters to us. Please take a moment to complete the evaluations at the conclusion of each day.



## Do You Need a Certificate of Attendance?

Certificates can be requested by emailing [info@societymi.org](mailto:info@societymi.org) and will be sent electronically after the conclusion of the congress.

## WiFi

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## Networking and Social Events at ICMI

### Opening Reception

Join us at the Welcome Reception on Monday, July 13, from 19:00-20:30. This event is in the foyer outside the Montreal Ballroom where the Opening Plenary will take place. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends while you enjoy drinks and appetizers.

### SMI Annual Membership Meeting

All SMI members are welcome to join the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday morning from 8:00-8:55 in St-Laurent 1. Breakfast is served in the Montreal Foyer. Join us to stay informed on SMI activities, leadership, and celebrate our community.

### Join the Conversation

Join the conversation. Share a selfie with your poster using #ICMI2026 on Twitter/X, Bluesky, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

## Poster Receptions

Join us for three evenings of poster receptions in the poster hall, St-Laurent Ballroom 23456. Authors of more than 300 posters are eager to meet with researchers over drinks and light hors d'oeuvres on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night, between 17:30-19:00. All poster receptions are sponsored by



## SMI Mentorship Program

SMI mentors, mentees, and alumni across all current mentoring cohorts gather for breakfast and networking at 8:45 am on Wednesday, July 15, in the Salon Ville-Marie (Lobby level). Please show your support for the program by attending the SMI Mentoring Program oral abstract sessions on Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16 afternoons from 16:00-17:30.

# ICMI 2026 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM



## MONDAY, JULY 13

14:00 - 18:00	<b>Registration Desk Open   the Official Start of ICMI 2026</b>	
17:30 - 18:00	<b>Welcome</b>	
	<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Presentation of Awards</b> .....	Montreal 12345
	Irah King, PhD, Rodney Newberry, MD	
	<b>Distinguished Service Award</b>	
	<b>Per Brandtzaeg Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award</b>	
	<b>Young Investigator Award</b>	
18:00 - 19:00	<b>Opening Plenary</b> .....	Montreal 12345
	Ranik Xavier, MD, PhD, Broad Institute / Harvard Medical School	
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19:00 - 20:30	<b>Welcome Reception</b> .....	Montreal Foyer

## TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:30 - 17:00	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	
8:00 - 8:55	<b>Annual Membership Meeting</b> .....	St-Laurent 1
9:00 - 10:30	<b>Plenary Session – Microbiome and mucosal immunology</b> .....	Montreal 12345
	Ranit Kedmi, PhD, The Weizmann Institute of Science Thierry Mallevaey, PhD, University of Toronto Noah Palm, PhD, Yale School of Medicine	
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Morning Tea</b> .....	St-Laurent 23456
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Oral Abstract Sessions</b>	
12:30 - 14:30	<b>Break for Networking &amp; Lunch</b>	

## TUESDAY, JULY 14 *(continued)*

14:30 - 15:30

### Concurrent Sessions

**Neuro-immune interactions** ..... Montreal 12345  
Gloria Choi, PhD, The Picower Institute, Massachusetts School of Technology  
Ruaidhrí Jackson, PhD, Harvard Medical School

**Aging, cancer and chronic inflammation** ..... St-Laurent 1  
Lai Guan Ng, PhD, Westlake University  
Bana Jabri, MD, PhD, University of Chicago

15:30 - 16:00

**Afternoon Tea** ..... St-Laurent 23456

16:00 - 17:30

### Oral Abstract Sessions

17:30 - 19:00

**Poster Reception** ..... St-Laurent 23456

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

7:30 - 8:45

**Mentoring Program Breakfast** ..... Salon Ville-Marie (*Lobby level*)

8:00 - 17:00

### Registration Desk Open

9:00 - 10:30

**Plenary Session – Infectious Diseases** ..... Montreal 12345  
Maziar Divangahi, PhD, McGill University  
Marion Pepper, PhD, Washington University  
Irene Salinas, PhD, University of New Mexico

10:30 - 11:00

**Morning Tea** ..... St-Laurent 23456

11:00 - 12:30

### Oral Abstract Sessions

12:30 - 14:30

### Break for Networking & Lunch

14:30 - 15:30

### Concurrent Sessions

**Nutrition and Metabolism** ..... Montreal 1234  
Semir Beyaz, PhD, Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory  
Bojan Polić, Dr. med., University of Rijeka

**Inter-organ Crosstalk** ..... St-Laurent 1  
Laurent Gillett, DVM, PhD, University of Liège  
Arthur Mortha, PhD, University of Toronto

15:30 - 16:00

**Afternoon Tea** ..... St-Laurent 23456

16:00 - 17:30

### Oral Abstract Sessions

17:30 - 19:00

**Poster Reception** ..... St-Laurent 23456

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## THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00 - 17:00

### Registration Desk Open

9:00 - 10:30

**Plenary Session – Translational/Clinical Research** ..... Montreal 12345  
Petter Brodin, MD, PhD, Karolinska Institutet  
Suzanne Devkota, PhD, Cedars -Sinai Medical Center  
Phillip Swanson, PhD, AstraZeneca

10:30 - 11:00

**Morning Tea** ..... St-Laurent 23456

11:00 - 12:30

### Oral Abstract Sessions

## THURSDAY, JULY 16 *(continued)*

12:30 - 14:30 **Break for Networking & Lunch**

14:30 - 15:30 **Concurrent Sessions**

**Development, Tissue Repair and Regeneration**..... Montreal 12345

Philipp Starkl, PhD, Medical University of Vienna

Sing Sing Way, PhD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

**Tissue Physiology and Spatial Interactions**..... St-Laurent 1

Shalev Itzkovitz, PhD, Weizmann Institute of Science

Eduardo Villablanca, PhD, Karolinska Institutet

15:30 - 16:00 **Afternoon Tea**..... St-Laurent 23456

16:00 - 17:30 **Oral Abstract Sessions**

17:30 - 19:00 **Poster Reception**..... St-Laurent 23456

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19:00 - 23:00 **Closing Reception**..... Salon Bonaventure (*Lobby level*)

*(optional, paid ticketed event)*

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

9:00 - 10:30 **President's Rising Stars Abstract Plenary**..... Montreal 12345

Chair: Rodney Newberry, MD, Washington University in St. Louis

**Presentation of *Mucosal Immunology Journal* Poster Awards**

10:30 - 11:00 **Morning Tea**..... St-Laurent 23456

11:00 - 12:30 **Plenary – Mycobiome and mucosal immunology**..... Montreal 12345

Petra Bacher, PhD, Institute of Medical Immunology, Kiel University

Michail Lionakis, MD, ScD, NIH/NAID

June Round, PhD, University of Utah School of Medicine

12:30 - 13:00 **Closing Address**..... Montreal 12345

13:00 **ICMI 2026 Adjourns**



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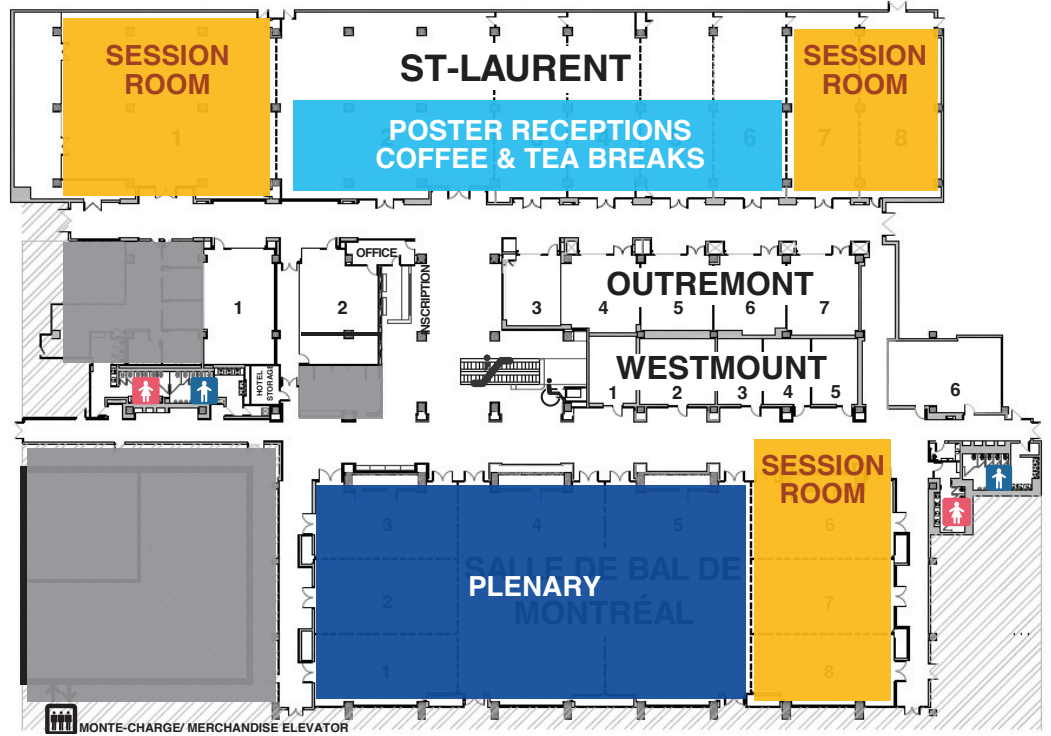
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