CONCLUDING REMARKS ABOUT THE FIRST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

The first *European Conference of Microbiology and Immunology (EU-CMI)* took place in Budapest, Hungary from 12–14 May, 2011. The aim of the event was to welcome the new journal, *European Journal of Microbiology and Immunology (EU-JMI)*.

Over 180 scientists from more than 20 countries joined the well-organized meeting, and several leading experts gave excellent overviews on new developments in their fields. Young scientists also had the opportunity in several sessions to present their latest results. In summary, many highly interesting topics were covered in over 90 oral presentations and also in the poster session. The meeting highlighted emerging themes in basic science including host–pathogen interaction in parasitic, bacterial and viral infections, and also several different aspects in immunology of infectious diseases to clinical microbiology including vaccination, epidemiology, treatment strategies and antimicrobial resistance. You can find detailed information regarding the content of the talks and posters in the second issue of the new journal *EU-JMI*, which is the abstract book of the conference.

I would like to thank the organizers for the great opportunity to meet so many enthusiastic scientists from all around the world. Especially, the participation of several young investigators provided a very stimulating atmosphere with numerous exciting discussions. I strongly encourage the organizers to plan a follow up meeting and I am convinced that the *European Conference of Microbiology and Immunology* meetings will establish as a successful conference series.

Most importantly, I am happy to welcome the newly founded journal *EU-JMI*, which gives a great opportunity to all scientists to publish their highly relevant findings in the extremely fast growing field of microbiology and immunology. I believe that the *EU-JMI* will contribute to cutting edge science by providing a new essential forum in both basic and clinical aspects of medical microbiology and immunology.

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