



## ***Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease***

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### **SOMED NEWSLETTER**

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#### **Winter 2013**

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#### ***SOMED President's Letter***

##### ***December 2013***

As we celebrate a successful meeting in Kosice and prepare for our joint meeting in June of 2014 with the Anaerobe Society of the Americas to be held in Chicago, I want to remind our members that participation in these meetings is an important part of our society's mission. Chicago will offer both an opportunity for oral presentations in the many sessions chaired by our members, as well as an opportunity to present poster displays for our colleagues. We particularly want to encourage our young scientists to participate in this meeting and to this end some funds to help defray travel expenses are available for the combined meeting. These funds will be awarded to students submitting posters for the conference.

Accompanying this newsletter is a summary of the meeting in Kosice along with digital images of the beautiful venue. I want to wish all of our members a healthy and happy holiday season and a most successful new year. We have much to look forward to in 2014.

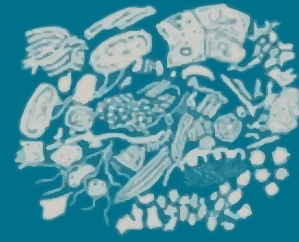
Sincerely,

**Andy  
Onderdonk**





# MICROBIAL ECOLOGY in Health and Disease



## Young microbiologist competition

The Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease (SOMED) in association with Co-Action publishing is pleased to announce the first “Young microbiologist competition”.

This competition aims at rewarding the best undergraduate or master student in any microbiology-related field and encourage him/her to pursue an academic career. For this purpose, we will select 3 outstanding young scientists who are undergoing a research project in microbiology as part of their studies and award the finalist to publish his work free of charge into the journal of the society: Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease (MEHD).

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The 3 finalists will receive free annual membership to the SOMED society and will be invited to participate to the next SOMED meeting in 2015.

All abstracts will be reviewed by an international panel of experts working at leading institutions and covering all aspects of microbiology.

### *Important dates*

- **30th Apr 2014:** deadline for abstract submission
- **31st May 2014:** 3 finalists will be offered to send their full-length manuscript
- **31st Aug 2014:** deadline for full-length manuscript submission
- **15th Sept 2014:** Notification of the award-winning student and publication of the article in the following issue of MEHD

### *Who is eligible?*

Any student undergoing a research project in a microbiology-related field as part of his/her studies at BSc or MSc level. The student must be first author of the article and should have made a significant contribution to the work.

### *How to participate?*

Submit your article title, author's names and affiliations with an abstract (250 words maximum) together with a proof of registration in a microbiology degree in 2013-14, and a letter of reference from your supervisor by email to Dr Sandrine Claus (s.p.claus@reading.ac.uk). Please submit the email with 'MEHD

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For more information contact Dr Sandrine Claus (+44 118 378 8717 - s.p.claus@reading.ac.uk)  
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manuscripts/thematic clusters

Attract more supplements from meetings and congresses

Indexing in MEDLINE and Scopus

Outreach campaigns to more academic specialities  
Article metrics

**Long-term aims:**

Develop MEHD into a first-choice forum for authors to publish in

Get an impact factor

Renew and rejuvenate editorial team

Cross-fertilization with other specialties (being open access!), moving the whole discipline forward

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**Up-coming meetings 2014:**

*The Joint Meeting SOMED – ASA, June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, Chicago, U.S.A.*

**A Joint Meeting with the Society for Microbial Ecology and Disease & Anaerobe Society of the Americas, will be held at the Westin River North Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, USA.**

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for details,  
see the attached document !

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The XVIII International Symposium of Gnotobiology (ISG), St. Petersburg, September 2014,  
<http://gnotobiology.ru/en>

**Biomarkers Summit 2014**

in San Diego, CA, on March 19-21,2014;

<http://www.qtcbio.com/newsletter/bm14-w.htm>

**169<sup>th</sup> OMICS Group Conference**

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference and Exhibition on Metabolomics & Systems Biology, March 24-26, 2014 San Antonio, USA**

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*For all SOMED members and friends, we wish you a very happy and successful New Year!*



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**First name:**

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**I authorize the inclusion of my data in the SOMED Membership Directory as above detailed.**

Date

Signature

**Regular membership: EUR 40  
(or USD 55)**

**Corporate membership: EUR 400  
(or USD 550)**

**Student membership: EUR 20  
(or USD 25) (Please add student status  
certification)**

**Supporting membership: EUR 1000  
(or USD 1350)**

Please send your payment to the **SOMED Treasurer, Professor Eugenia Bezirtzoglou**, by:

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